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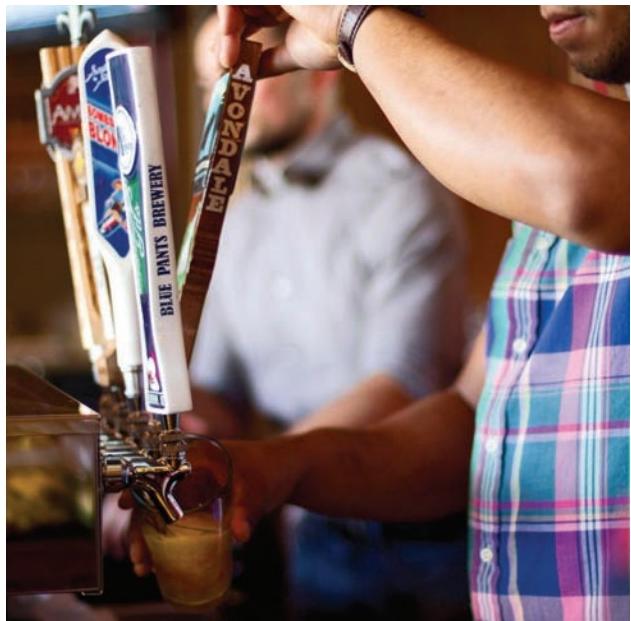
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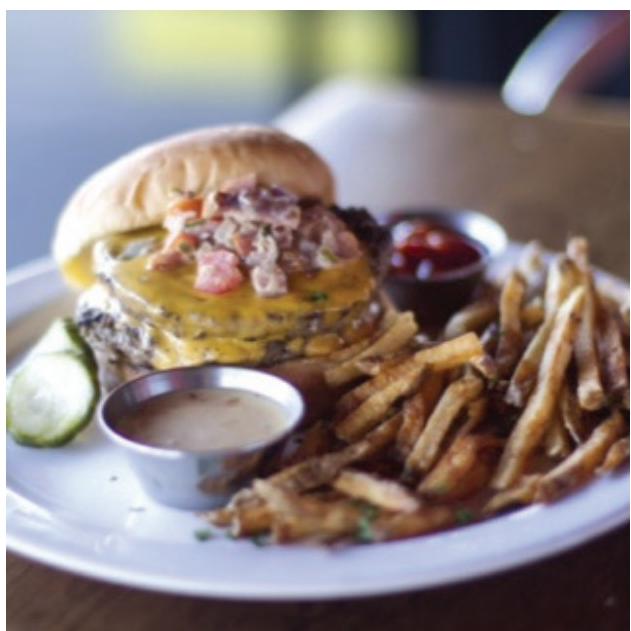
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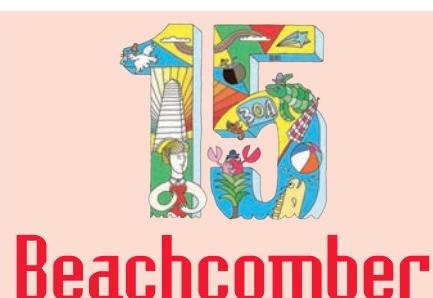
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On Our Cover:



Destin's New Funky Blues Shack
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Opening Remarks

Okay, Here's My 10

Recently on MySpace—and that new Internet thing the kids are into, Facebook (check it out, it's gonna be huge)—people started sharing their “10 Albums That Shaped My Teenage Years” lists.

Of course, I’m friends with a lot of music journalists and musicians, so this sort of thing appeals to me. Like most social media posts, this requires little or no thought, and that appeals to me, too.

And I love lists. Soon, I hope to expand on this concept with “10 Showtime After Hours Softcore Porn Movies That Shaped My Teenage Years.”

These aren’t necessarily my favorite albums, just the ones that served as the soundtrack for my high school years, 1981 through 1992. Just kidding. I graduated from Henry A. Bradshaw High School in Florence, Alabama in 1985. Barely.

Peter Gabriel, Peter Gabriel (1980). The one with Pete’s melted face on the cover. I’ve owned this in just about every format in which it’s been issued, though only the recent 45 RPM double-LP vinyl version measured up to the sound of my old worn-out cassette. About a year ago, I listened to it every day for a week and never got tired of it. My pick for the greatest record...ever.

Michael Jackson, Thriller (1983). Soundtrack to every high school dance of the period. The DJ would often play through the whole album. Nobody complained.

Fast Times at Ridgemont High (Soundtrack) (1982). The ultimate slap in the face to my generation, four LP sides devoted mostly to artists that peaked in the ‘70s. Nevertheless, it remained in heavy rotation, thanks mostly to Jackson Browne’s timeless “Somebody’s Baby.”

Prince and the Revolution, Purple Rain (1984). This one still conjures up happy memories of teenagers singing along to “Darling Nikki” in the back of a church van. Screw you, Tipper Gore.



2017 Beachcomber Music Awards nominees—and past winners—Heritage, following their lovely performance at the recent Rock for a Cure benefit in Fort Walton Beach. From left—Tony Verrecchia (pronounced vuh-REK-ee-ah), Billy Kernen, Matt Moore and Hunter “Guitar God” Dawson.

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This Issue's Contributors

Nikki Hedrick ("Destin Gets Funky Again"), from Seagrove Beach, is a photographer and longtime *Beachcomber* contributor. She co-owns 850 Music and Entertainment, and is currently glued to her computer catching up on photo editing.

Joni Williams (Brew Review) enjoys eating, drinking and hitting the road on the spur of the moment, which is pretty much what she writes about, too.

Paula Hilton ("I'm Rich!") is the founder of Act4Murder, a comedic murder mystery troupe that has been entertaining the Emerald Coast since 2003.

Samantha Lambert (People) has been back in Florida for five months now and is really enjoying the weather. She loves interviewing people and writing stories for *Beachcomber*. She also enjoys visiting parts of the area that have grown tremendously since she grew up here in the 1970s.

Kimberly White (Book Review) began her journalism career in 1997 and spent the ensuing years working as an editor, reporter, radio newscaster and producer at media outlets across the country. She is an avid reader and lover of all things German shepherd.

Hunter Forbes ("Ducks, Redfish and Stingrays...Oh, My!") is owner and guide at 30A Guide Service and Southern Whitetail Outfitters. He's also a freelance outdoor photographer and lives in Santa Rosa Beach.

Jenna Taylor ("Ducks, Redfish and Stingrays...Oh, My!") is an avid outdoorswoman, content creator and writer. Born and raised in Kentucky, she now lives in Santa Rosa Beach.

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Debbie Thomas (Wines to Try) is a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School and Florida State University. She is a former high school band director and is now an operating partner at Twisted Grape Cafe & Wine Bar in Shalimar.

Opening Remarks CONTINUED...

Bruce Springsteen, *Born in the U.S.A.* (1984). Other than *Nebraska*, the only thing the Boss released during my formative years. I didn't get to see the E Street Band live until 2009, but it was worth the wait. They didn't perform any songs from this album.

The Police, *Ghost in the Machine* (1981). Because my older brother blasted this from his bedroom, like, every morning for a year.

Men at Work, *Business as Usual* (1982). Forgive me, I grew up during the golden age of MTV. I've still never tried a Vegemite sandwich. (Runners-up: Scorpions, *Love at First Sting*; Van Halen, 1984.)

Asia, *Asia* (1982). The dumbed-down prog rock supergroup kicked ass on

their debut album. A couple years later, guitarist Steve Howe's old band Yes came back hard with *90125* and "Owner of a Lonely Heart," with axeman Trevor Rabin filling Howe's spot.

I saw three quarters of the original Asia lineup (minus Howe) in Biloxi a few years ago, and it was a great concert. Apologies to the guy sitting in front of me, whose smartphone footage was ruined by me screaming along to every song at the top of my lungs.

R.E.M., *Reckoning* (1983). My "I was into them before they were popular" pick.

Sesame Street (Soundtrack) (1970-something). Because I was a late bloomer, and because those wonderful people taught me how to count to 10.

- Chris

News from Beachcomberland

Miramar Beach

A Superior Air Conditioning recently announced that they are again teaming up with Beachy Beach Real Estate to offer a one-of-a-kind opportunity—a jingle contest for elementary school children to show off their creative talents and win a \$1,000 donation towards their school's music department.

Children enrolled in Bay, Walton and Okaloosa county schools, kindergarten through fifth grade, are eligible to enter in groups of five or less and submit their own rendition of the A Superior Air Conditioning's company radio jingle "Keeping Me Cool." Videos of the entrants performing their submissions will be uploaded online for friends, family and individuals in the community to vote for through the submission platform.

Kids and parents can fill out the appropriate release forms and register to enter at ASuperiorAC.com. Once registered, entrants will receive contest updates and will be able to listen to, as well as download, the jingle off the website. Anything goes in regards to style, arrangement, genre, a cappella, with instruments, even costumes. Submissions are also not expected to be high tech productions and can be as informal or formal as desired.

Once registered, video submissions can be uploaded at <http://woobox.com/ony2te> beginning Jan. 30.

Entrants will then share the specific voting links, and the entry with the most likes/votes will win special prizes, as well as the \$1,000 donation to their school's music department. The winner will be announced Feb. 24.

"We are so excited to once again partner with our friends at Beachy Beach Real Estate and hold our jingle contest to support music education in our local community," says A Superior Air Conditioning owner **Jimy Thorpe**.

Hilary Farnum, broker and co-owner of Beachy Beach 30A, adds, "A large part of our success as a company has been working together with other businesses to put our values in action. When we met Jimy Thorpe a few years ago, we knew this was a guy that had the same vision for our area."

To learn more about the contest, connect socially on Facebook, visit ASuperiorAC.com, or call 850-258-3225.

- Lauren Gall

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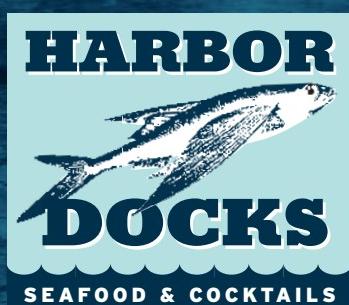
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That's an excellent question. There is a good chance that the seafood you will be offered traveled farther than you did. In the state of Florida, even though we are surrounded by water, more than 90% of the seafood sold this year will be imported from other countries.

Throughout the United States, the huge majority of seafood is imported. Most of it is mislabeled. Frozen seafood is sold as "fresh" and imported seafood is sold as "local." According to Oceana, 93% of fish sold as red snapper is actually some other species. 57% of tuna sold at sushi bars throughout the country is not tuna. Most of the tilapia served in this country comes from Viet Nam and Thailand and much of it is farmed in waters with sewage run-off and the source of feed is pig feces.

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Big Sugar's Slime Flows North to Florida's Capitol

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

The paid soldiers in Gov. Rick Scott's war on the environment are aligning to block state efforts to purchase any farm lands south of Lake Okeechobee, which means Floridians can look forward to more summers of slime.

Nightmare algae blooms, vile and job-killing, are destined to be one of Scott's legacies. Next June, when the St. Lucie estuary again turns puke-green and the oyster beds die, the light-footed governor will be nowhere in the vicinity.

Neither will the tourists.

The blooms are caused by billions of gallons of fresh water that are pumped from Lake O during the rainy season. Loaded with phosphorus and other pollutants from surrounding areas, the lake discharges are mainlined toward both Florida coasts, bringing ruin to saltwater habitats.

Senate President Joe Negron, who lives in Stuart—basically Slime Central—

wants the Lake O outflows diverted, cleaned in reservoirs and sent south to the Everglades.

The plan, supported by many scientists and conservation groups, would require purchasing 60,000 acres from agriculture. Only eight years ago, U.S. Sugar embraced such a concept, calling it a "monumental opportunity to save the Everglades" and struck a deal to unload 187,000 acres.

The company infamously reneged, and it owned enough lawmakers to kill the deal. It definitely owns the governor, who'll need Big Sugar's money when he runs for the U.S. Senate in 2018.

As Senate president, Negron is one of the most powerful figures in Tallahassee. He'll need all the clout he can muster for this battle, to which he arrived late and as part of the problem.

Negron has displayed little resistance as his party's leaders have subverted Amendment 1, which 75 percent of voters approved in 2014 for the purchase of conservation lands. And he was all-in last year when the

Legislature and governor neutered water-quality laws to allow agricultural corporations to monitor their own pollution on the honor system.

Negron now needs Amendment 1 funds to buy farm acreage for conversion to reservoirs. He's under heavy hometown pressure from Treasure Coast residents, who are getting clobbered financially by the algae outbreaks.

Meanwhile Big Sugar has mounted a PR campaign framing Negron's land-purchase plan as an attack on farming and the communities near Lake Okeechobee. This is industry-scripted melodrama; not all cane acreage is highly productive.

Opposition to Negron's plan also comes from the South Florida Water Management District, which at one time relied on actual experts on water management. Real scientists, if you can imagine such a thing! Those were the days.

Since taking office, Scott has loaded the boards of all Florida's water districts with lawyers, developers, Realtors, agricultural and industry advocates.

Funding has been cut, and experienced staff members canned.

For instance, the previous executive director of the South Florida water district had worked in that field for two decades. He was replaced by lobbyist/lawyer Pete Antonacci, who'd formerly worked as Scott's special counsel in Tallahassee.

It is Antonacci now leading the district's fight against Negron's cleanup plan. Last week he told a Senate committee that buying more land to hold Lake Okeechobee's overflows would only slow down current restoration projects.

He also said state and federal authorities should focus cleanup efforts north of Lake Okeechobee, such as replacing residential septic tanks with sewers.

That is, almost word-for-word, Big Sugar's position—yet it's coming from the chief of a state agency that's supposed to act in the interests of all Floridians.

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abstract expressionism to audiences **Jan. 27-Feb. 19** at 560 Grand Boulevard Upstairs in Miramar Beach.

Playgoers are encouraged to arrive early for each show to allow extra time to view the art in a space that transports guests to a big city warehouse.

The professional comedy-drama centers on an unemployed bartender and an art expert who begin to question the true definition of art and the authenticity of people, while the industrial-style space above Grand Boulevard's retail stores comes alive with 80 new works of expressive art shown and available for sale, with proceeds benefiting ECTC's educational theater.

"I am amazed at the variety of talent displayed for this show," says artist and gallery coordinator **Lori Drew**. "The play and the art play so well together. I think this is going to be our best presentation yet, and we are all hoping sales exceed our expectations—for both the artists and the theater company."

Abstract expressionism is a post-World War II art movement in American painting, developed in New York in the 1940s. "What better way to experience the local art world's take on this style than in a setting similar to one they might find in New York," says Drew. "Our goal for the art collection is to get viewers talking, to have them look deeper into each piece, and by coming early to the performance for the gallery, it acts as a 'warm-up' for the play itself, adding a new dimension to the whole experience."

To learn more, email lowkylzart.com. The theater space will be open an hour before each show, scheduled for Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

ABSTRACT GALLERY FEATURED ARTISTS

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ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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ARTFUL THINGS, 1087 East John Sims Parkway, Niceville. Call 850-729-2600 for more info.

Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. rosalynogrady.com.

Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost for four-week session is \$80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

Thursdays. Landscape Painting with Carol Ann Cain, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call Carol at 850-543-3575. carolanncain.com.

Fridays. Beginning Head Studies with Charlotte Arnold, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call Charlotte at 850-240-7888. CharlotteArnoldFineArt.com.

Saturdays. Kids' Drawing with Sarah Coleman, 10 a.m.-noon. For ages 11-15. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call 310-717-4302 for more info.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque** is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included. Beginners welcome.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 p.m. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$85 (\$70 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$7 (\$5 for ADSO members).

Thursdays. Watercolor Painting with Pat Farwell, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Beginner through advanced. Bring your own supplies—list provided in the ADSO office. Cost is \$85 per month (\$70 for ADSO members).

Fridays. Open Studio, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.



Feb. 1. Blooms of Imagination with Suzanne LeLoup-West, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Use pen, ink and acrylics, plus imagination. Cost is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members), plus \$10 supply fee (covers everything, including frame).



THROUGH FEB. 17. ADSO MEMBERS ART SHOW AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

Reception **Jan. 27**, 6-8 p.m. The ADSO members showcase work in all media and basically just show off their favorite stuff. More at artsdesignsociety.org.

THROUGH FEB. 25. JOAN VIENOT AT THE FOSTER GALLERY, SANDESTIN

Vienot is one of 15 artists in the winter rotation at the Market Shops gallery managed by the Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County. More at joanvienot.com.

OPENS FEB. 1. ARTIST OF THE MONTH CHERYL GRAY AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH



Cheryl, who always fills us in on the library's featured artists, finally gets her moment in the spotlight.

FEB. 10-12. FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL BEAUX ARTS EXHIBITION AT THE MERIDIAN AT WESTWOOD, FORT WALTON BEACH

Sponsored by the Arts and Design Society, the exhibition runs Friday, 5-8 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Reception and silent auction Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. with awards at 3:30. FREE and open to the public. For more info, visit artsdesignsociety.org or call 850-582-1329.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART is a new gallery with works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year **Juan Francisco Adaro**, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Located in the Uptown Shops of Grayton on Scenic Highway 30A next to Another Broken Egg Café. Open Tue.-Sun., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 51-1 Uptown Grayton Circle, Grayton Beach, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com for more info. www.adaro.art.

AMUSEART STUDIO Acrylic paintings, watercolors and gifts. Owner and artist **Linda Barton** has a Master's Degree in Art Education. Open 2-6 p.m. daily except Wednesdays. 1389 N. CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-660-6560 or 250-901-0718. Check out more at amuseartstudio.com.

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EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS features a plethora of one-of-a-kind paintings, handcrafted jewelry, handmade furniture, glass art, prints, home décor and gifts from over 30 local and area artists. Check online at emeraldcoastartgallery.com for classes and workshop schedules. Classes are given by gallery owners **Claire Gagne** and

Jennifer Viaene and other featured artists in the gallery. Classes include acrylic painting, watercolor, mosaic glass and shard glass. Come on in and have some fun! Gallery is located in the McGuire's Shopping Plaza in Destin between Boca Boutique and McGuire's Sushi. 850-460-8644.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY AND STUDIO is a contemporary and inspirational art space. We feature the works of regional artists in our gallery and offer an array of art classes with

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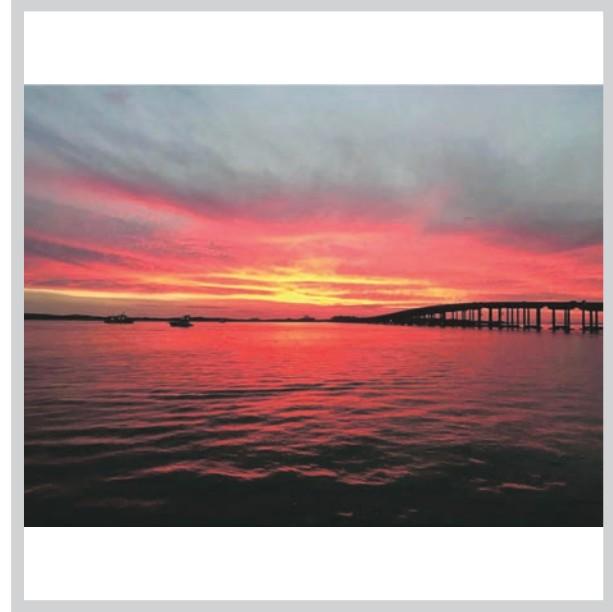
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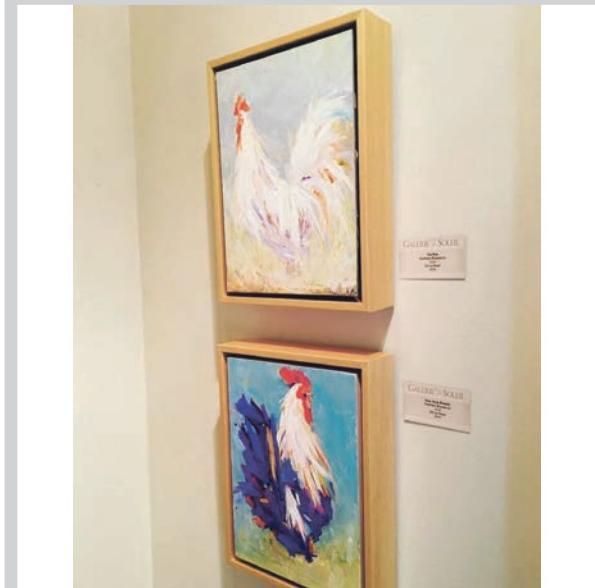
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A lovely sunset in Destin.
Sorry, we'll get some more
Dogstagrams in next issue.



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post-event coverage.

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Destin Gets Funky Again



Story and Photos by Nikki Hedrick

"We are trying to go back to the roots," explains **Chuck Stiles** of the new Graffiti & Funky Blues Shack location that will open **Jan. 30**.

The restaurant and music establishment first opened in 1995 in Destin, and then in 2006 at the Village of Baytowne Wharf. Now, both of those locations are permanently closed and Stiles is putting the finishing touches on transforming a Chili's location into a Graffiti & Funky Blues Shack—complete with many of the fixtures and items of interest that gave the previous locations their charm.

"We were Graffiti before we were Funky Blues Shack," says Stiles of the business' evolution. "We became the Funky Blues Shack because we were losing customers on wait. So I kind of progressed, and then put a guitar player outside, and in the summertime people were dying out there. So I poked a hole and we did that."



The business expanded, taking over the open space next door on two occasions. But Destin's changing business landscape began to drive more traffic to the harbor area, and Stiles let go of the location. It changed hands several times until its recent closure.

Stiles remains positive about the opportunities a new location can provide. "I found a spot that I feel is centrally located to everything and gives us a fighting chance," he says.

Changes include having the restaurant portion and the music venue portion behind the same door. After 9 p.m., the lights are turned down and the stage is lit up, a simple transformation that helps serve as the barrier between the two concepts.

"We want to be for everybody. Graffiti, when we started that, it was for kids—so we still want to be that family friendly restaurant by day and a nighttime venue."

Other changes include a larger kitchen, leading to a more versatile menu that will include small plates, gluten free options, and some health conscious choices.

Stiles is looking toward reclaiming Funky's crown as a must-visit music destination, by supporting local and

regional bands who are focused on original music. Also in the works—resurrecting Funky's famous open mic nights, which played a prominent role in the formation of many area bands.

"I had my reasons for selling at both," says Stiles. "But here I feel like we're on equal footing to generate the business. As long as we offer a good product, good entertainment and friendly people, we should be fine."

On **March 6**, *Beachcomber* will be descending on the new venue for the Ninth Ever Beachcomber Music Awards. Stiles is happy to host the event, sharing the impact this publication has had on the business through the years.

"Chris (Manson) has been such a big supporter of ours," he says of our editor. "At the very beginning, *Beachcomber* helped us to be the success we are."

For the new Graffiti & Funky Blues Shack, the proof will be in the coming weeks. But Stiles is happy with the response and feedback he has received from the community so far—especially those who have stepped into the new space. "The end result is people coming in telling me they love what they see. And they say this one feels the best."

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Music

Beachcomber Profiles* — Nick Horton

HOMETOWN: St. Louis, Missouri.

AGE: 32.

PROFESSION: Singer-songwriter.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS: I have released five music videos on YouTube, with two of them reaching over 100,000 views. I recently launched a reality TV show called *Starving Artist*, putting out two episodes and currently working on the third. My song "Get Up" hit the radio and became number 88 on the request lines just last month. I was featured in the Fall 2016 issue of VIP Destin magazine as an "artist to keep your eye

on," and since then I have been featured on other local TV and radio shows.

QUOTE: "Live for now. Not tomorrow, not yesterday...now." – Eckhart Tolle

PROFILE: I realized I wanted to play music and make my mark in the industry at the age of 15. I have not stopped since, and my new mission is to do my part and change the world.

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* Inspired by the late, great Creem magazine.



And the Nominees Are... The Ninth Ever Beachcomber Music Awards

By Chris Manson

Last fall, we asked Beachcomber readers to submit nominees (themselves or other people) for the Ninth Ever Beachcomber Music Awards, to be held at the new Funky Blues Shack in Destin (see Cover Story Monday, **March 6**).

All qualified candidates were included on our online nominating ballot earlier this month, along with a write-in option. Thanks to the hundreds (alternative fact—thousands) that voted in the first round. These are the top three (four in a few categories due to ties) in each category, and you can vote now at beachcomberdestin.com.

This year, we have two new reader-suggested categories, and we've eliminated the Best Bluegrass Artist category since we are only aware of one band that would be eligible for that one.

Good luck to everyone, and thanks for all you do. Let the bitching begin!

NEW CATEGORY – BEST PERCUSSIONIST

Louis Antoon
Steve Ferry
Milton Stucker Jr.

NEW CATEGORY – BEST TRIBUTE ACT

Ron Adams – Shadow of the King
Emerald Coast Blues Brothers
Roshambatles

MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR

Austin Jennings
Cheryl Jones
Stuart Redd

BEST BAND

Black Eyed Blonde
Heritage
Kickstand Jenny

BEST SOLO ARTIST

Chris Alvarado
Brandon Day
Bri Wehner

BEST MALE VOCALIST

Brandon Day
Charles Estes
Austin Jennings

BEST FEMALE VOCALIST

Cassidy Dickens
Cheryl Jones
Bri Wehner

BEST DUO

Flash Flood Duo
Will & Linda Pleasants
The Wide Open

BEST GUITARIST

Brandon Day
Mike Ingram
Scott Rockwood

BEST BASSIST

Dan Collins
Benghazi Gresham
Chris McCombs

BEST KEYBOARDIST

Metz Barnes
Joe Fingas
Cheryl Jones

BEST DRUMMER

Isaac Eady
Will Russo
AJ Sipos

BEST HORN PLAYER

Al Alvarado
Ike Bartley
Matt McCarty

BEST FIDDLE-VIOLIN PLAYER

Jessica Heit
Sue Kittredge
Matt Miller

BEST HARMONICA PLAYER

Jim Couch
Allen Rayfield
JAB Wilson

BEST MANDOLIN PLAYER

Ben Parsons
Balder Saunders
Neil Sebree

BEST SINGER-SONGWRITER

Season Ammons
Cassidy Dickens
Bri Wehner

BEST ALTERNATIVE ARTIST

Astral Lite
Nik Flagstar and His Dirty Mangy Dogs
The Owsley Brothers

BEST AMERICANA ARTIST

Dread Clampitt
Schatzi + the String Boffin
The Wide Open

BEST BLUES ARTIST

Blue Lew
Boukou Groove
Finga FAYA

BEST CHRISTIAN-GOSPEL ARTIST

Elisabeth Coats
Faith Assembly Church Band
Lauren Veach

BEST COMEDY ARTIST

Act4Murder
Emerald Coast Theatre Company
Improv Troupe
Mark Labarge

BEST COUNTRY ARTIST

Austin Jennings
Luke Langford and the 331 South Band
Jacob Mohr

BEST COVER BAND OR SOLO ACT

Black Eyed Blonde
Cadillac Willy
Kickstand Jenny

BEST DANCE BAND

Black Eyed Blonde
Cadillac Willy
Hubba Hubba

BEST DJ

DJ Chubby
DJ/VJ Doc Roc
DJ Vladi

BEST FOLK ARTIST

Continuum
Mari Gleason
The Steenos

BEST JAM BAND

Cadillac Willy
Heritage
New Earth Army

BEST JAZZ ARTIST

Al Alvarado
Jones and Company
The Red Bar Jazz Band

BEST RAP/HIP-HOP ARTIST

Chris Carter
Florida J
Strange Tang

BEST R&B-SOUL ARTIST

Boukou Groove
Jones and Company
Okaloosa Sound

BEST REGGAE ARTIST

Heritage
Sway Jah Vu
Tribe Zion

BEST ROCK ARTIST

Cadillac Willy
Hotel Oscar
Kickstand Jenny

ALBUM OF THE YEAR

(Technically, albums released between Nov. 2015 and Oct. 2016.)
Cassidy Dickens, *Ghosts*
Kickstand Jenny, *Best of Vol. 1*
Bri Wehner, *Nothing But Sunshine*

BEST ORIGINAL SONG

Cassidy Dickens, "The Next Five Years"
Kickstand Jenny, "Why"
Bri Wehner, "Nothing But Sunshine"

BEST INSTRUMENTALIST

Sean Dietrich
Isaac Eady
Franko "Washboard" Jackson

BEST LIVE MUSIC VENUE

Further proof that the Beachcomber poll is not rigged.
AJ's, Destin
Green Door Music Hall, Fort Walton Beach
30A Songwriter Music & Coffee, Santa Rosa Beach

BEST MUSIC EVENT OF 2016 (TIE)

Okaloosa RevFest
Rock for a Cure
30A Locals Last Stand
30A Songwriters Festival

BEST MUSIC VIDEO

Continuum, "Black and Blue"
Bill Garrett, "America the Beautiful"
Strange Tang, "God Willing"

BEST LATIN ARTIST

Amid
Roberto Padron
Sal Salaz

BEST METAL ARTIST (TIE)

Accursed Creator
Dark Star Coven
Kultus
Rainey's Revenge

BEST PUNK ARTIST

Analogue Collective
Astral Lite
Nik Flagstar and His Dirty Mangy Dogs

BEST CLASSICAL ARTIST

Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra
Katie Ott
Sinfonia Gulf Coast

BEST NEW ARTIST

Mari Gleason
The Lagoons
Dino Lourdi

HALL OF FAME (TIE)

Presented to musicians that have made a significant impact on the Emerald Coast music scene for more than a decade. Previous honorees include Duke Bardwell, Jones and Company, Bill Garrett, Franko "Washboard" Jackson, Donnie Sundal, "Smilin'" Fritz Froeschner, Dread Clampitt and Cadillac Willy.

Doug "Dr. D" Dickerson
Joe Fingas
Nik Flagstar
Chris Hayes

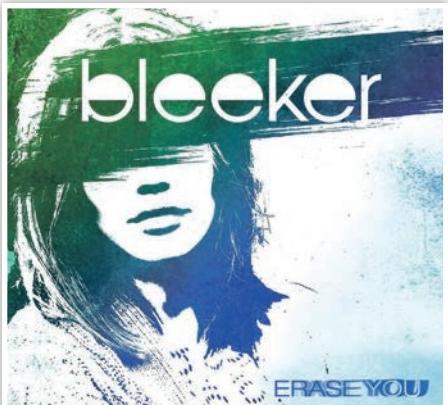
Music > Beachcomber's Record Roundup

Musicians - send your CDs, vinyl and/or cassettes to Beachcomber, P.O. Box 5707, Destin, FL 32540-5707. Email MP3s and streaming links to chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

Bleeker

Erase You

Five Seven Music



Drummer Dustin Steinke may very well be regretting his recent move from Bleeker Ridge to Sixx A.M., seeing as how Bleeker, as the band is now known, is finally on the cusp of hitting the big time with *Erase You*. Musical chameleons, Bleeker handily serves up a deliciously varied menu of sounds—alternative, garage, grunge, blues, punk and just a pinch of pop—along with some quaking riffs and hardcore drum thrashings. Standout tracks, besides the now familiar “Highway,” include the title track, “Free,” “Where’s Your Money,” “I’m Not Laughing” and a cover of Elvis Costello’s “Radio Radio.” This album isn’t just good, it’s crack to the ear—highly addictive and worthy of repeat plays.

- Joni Williams

Disasterpeace

Singles

Independent



Once upon a time, video games had to be simple out of necessity. Both the images and the music were created with size limitations in mind—mass storage would come later and open up those limits. From those humble beginnings, musicians are continually creating under the 8-bit or chiptune genre. Disasterpeace is one of the more well known in the genre, and for good reason. *Singles* is a reflection of his favorite and most popular tracks, and a great introduction to a growing sub-genre of music.

- Nikki Hedrick

Lights with Fire

Wet Hair

Independent



Atmospheric indie music from Pensacola fits the definition of art rock to a T. It’s about experimentation, unconventional directions, and evocative music. It combines fringe folk, punk, and rock with some contemporary rock sensibilities for music that is personal and daring. Lights with Fire plays well with the genre, and I hope we hear more from them.

- Nikki Hedrick

Kristen Long

Gypsy Soul

Independent



Combining soulful storytelling with jazz flourishes, Long crafts an album full of life and emotion. When musicians have a connection to live theater, something in their music reflects that—the clearly pronounced words and the epic rises give way to something more dramatic than modern song structure. It crafts this sonic world that resonates deeper than a three-minute song should. Long takes all those influences, and carefully pours them into *Gypsy Soul*.

- Nikki Hedrick

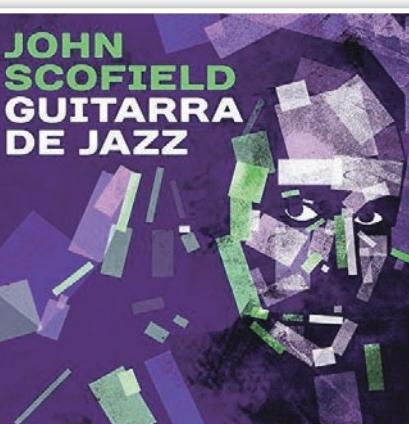
John Scofield

Guitarra de Jazz

Warner Music

I will listen to whatever Scofield plays. In *Guitarra de Jazz*, I figured he was going Latino. That expectation was shattered with the first track (“In the Cracks”), which chunked its honky

- Nikki Hedrick



tonk self right down. Next up was “Best Western,” a mournful lament that would do Marty Robbins proud. At that point I abandoned the labels and just let my fellow Dayton, Ohio native have his musical way. The 34 tracks here are like session whiskey. Don’t start unless you have time to give your undivided attention. Only then will the flavors reach the far corners of your palate.

- Bruce Collier

Claire Van Kampen/ Musicians of Shakespeare's Globe

Twelfth Night & Richard III

Globe Music



Shakespeare recently celebrated the 400th anniversary of his shuffling off this mortal coil, and among the many tributes paid was this recording by musical director Claire Van Kampen on the Globe Music label (yes, *that* Globe). The 24-track playlist includes works by period composers (John Dowland, Thomas Morley, et.al.) and Van Kampen herself, all of which served as background music to two Globe stage productions. If you are used to seeing “screwed-up Shakespeare” (thank you, Nathanael Fisher) on film and stage, dip your ear into this genuine Elizabethan vibe. Feel free to get up and pavane the night away.

- Bruce Collier

The xx

I See You

Young Turks



I See You, the xx’s third album, sees the British electro-pop trio at both its most confident and vulnerable. They retain the intimacy of their signature soft, spare sound that they honed on their first two albums, but they have expanded it to make each soaring beat and tender lyric feel like an emotional proclamation instead of a place to hide. *I See You* is a space for the xx to shout their feelings of heartbreak and uncertain love when they have always whispered, and their shedding of inhibitions allows the listener closer access to the band than ever before.

- Jane Morgan

UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

JAN. 27

Bell Biv DeVoe, *Three Stripes*
Allison Crutchfield, *Tourist in This Town*
Delicate Steve, *This Is Steve*
Brigitte DeMeyer & Will Kimbrough, *Mockingbird Soul*
Brantley Gilbert, *The Devil Don't Sleep*
Kreator, *Gods of Violence*
Delbert McClinton & Self-Made Men, *Prick of the Litter*
Tift Merritt, *Stitch of the World*
Stephen Pearcy, *Smash*
Sleater-Kinney, *Live in Paris* (Also on Vinyl)
Chris Thile & Brad Mehldau, *Chris Thile & Brad Mehldau* (Also on Vinyl)
Train, *a girl a bottle a boat*
Roll Columbia: Woody Guthrie's 26 Northwest Songs

FEB. 3

Big Sean, *I Decided*
Big Wreck, *Grace Street*
Black Sabbath, *The Ultimate Collection* (Also on Vinyl)
Elbow, *Little Fictions*
Beth Hart, *Fire on the Floor*
Mumford & Sons, *Live from South Africa: Dust and Thunder – Gentlemen of the Road Edition* (DVD/Blu-ray)
Judas Priest, *Turbo* (30th Anniversary Deluxe Edition) (Also on Vinyl)
Reba McEntire, *Sing It Now: Songs of Faith & Hope*

Sources: pauseandplay.com, allmusic.com

Live Music

Musicians and venues: Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com to have your gigs listed here.

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

DUCK DUCK, Destin
DJ/VJ DOC ROC

FUDPUCKER'S, Okaloosa Island,
fudpucker.com
DOWNBEAT JAZZ ORCHESTRA, 7 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.
Ladies Night

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

MARINA CIVIC CENTER, Panama City
EASTON CORBIN – JOE NICHOLS – RAY SCOTT
– JOSH TURNER

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach
CHUCK LAWSON, 5-7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
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RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SAENGER THEATRE, Pensacola
KATHLEEN MADIGAN

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach
SPUTZY SPARACINO, 7 p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
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FRIDAY, JAN. 27

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CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

DOC'S OYSTER BAR, Valparaiso
BT TURNER, 7 p.m.

ELKS LODGE, Okaloosa Island
RETROACTIVE, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach,
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JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-10 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL,
Fort Walton Beach
SISSY BROWN – DUANE MARK, 9 p.m.

HAMMERHEAD'S, Village of Baytowne Wharf
AMY HART – OFF THE WALL BAND, 6 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.
THE BANKWALKERS, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

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CLAY WALKER, 8 p.m. (\$34 and up)

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
lulubuffett.com/destin
COCONUT RADIO, 5 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside, www.modicamarket.com
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

PENSACOLA BAY CENTER, Pensacola
ALAN JACKSON – LEE ANN WOMACK

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
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RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
LUKE LANGFORD & THE 331 SOUTH BAND

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

SEVILLE QUARTER, Pensacola
POST PLUTO

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE,
Santa Rosa Beach, www.30asongwriterradio.com
Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
GEOFF TATE

WIND CREEK CASINO, Atmore, AL
SMOKE 'N GUNS

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

AMVETS POST 35, Crestview
AMY HART – OFF THE WALL BAND, 7 p.m.

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
JESSE RICE – STEVIE MONCE, 8 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

COASTERS, Fort Walton Beach
THE LAGOONS, 11 p.m.-2 a.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

Live Music Review

Jamey Johnson

Club LA, Destin



Photo by Nikki Hedrick.

On January 18, country fans flocked to Destin's Club LA to see Jamey Johnson take the stage.

The night began with Chris Hennessee, a member of Johnson's band, as the opening act. Hennessee warmed up the crowd with guitar in hand, singing stories about his life and how he came to tour to Johnson.

While the club piped in classic country songs—prompting singalongs from the crowd—Johnson's immense band took the stage. I assumed he would be playing with a band, but I

wasn't expecting it to be 10 members strong, including two percussionists and two horns. The band gave extra life to Johnson's stripped down songs.

With 11 Grammy nods and numerous CMA and ACM awards under his belt, Johnson puts the focus on the power of a song. While the crowd knew every word and hooted when it came time for their favorites, Johnson's understated demeanor meant everyone was truly there for the love of country music.

- Nikki Hedrick

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In Town This Month... Strangled Darlings



Strangled Darlings' George Veech and Jess Anderly.

Publicity Photo

Drawing inspiration from author William Faulkner in their name and Southern Gothic style of folk-Americana, **Strangled Darlings** is roving partners-collaborators **George Veech** and **Jess Anderly**. Originally from Portland, Oregon, the couple now lives and tours in a 20-foot RV.

Anderly says the band's sound can be compared to Courtney Barnett, Shovels & Rope and Modest Mouse. "We write groove-driven, blues-tinged American tunes that bounce between traditional and modern," she says.

Veech has a degree in English Lit echoed in erudite subject matter and tight

picking and plucking mandolin chops, while Anderly—a classically-trained violinist whose primary instrument is now solid body custom cello—delivers counter melodies, low end grooves and foot percussion, her husky-honeyed backing harmonies a tuneful counter to his tarnished tenor in their bouncy shambling, Southern gothic folk-Americana odes.

The duo performs at the Green Door Music Hall Thursday, **Feb. 2**, at 9 p.m., followed by a **Feb. 3** gig at 30A Songwriter Music and Coffee in Santa Rosa Beach (7 p.m.) and a stint at Roberts Hall in Lynn Haven **Feb. 5** at 3 p.m.

Live Music

HAMMERHEAD'S, Village of Baytowne Wharf

SOMETHING FISHY, 6 p.m.

HARD ROCK LIVE, Biloxi, MS BOZ SCAGGS

IP CASINO RESORT SPA, Biloxi, MS
TOMMY JAMES & THE SHONDELLS, 8 p.m.
(\$25 and up)

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin LEFTY COLLINS, 5 p.m.

MS. NEWBY'S, Panama City HERITAGE

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

SEVILLE QUARTER, Pensacola POST PLUTO

TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach
RUST & GOLD, 7 p.m.
A tribute to the music of Neil Young.

WIND CREEK CASINO, Atmore, AL SMOKE 'N GUNS

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

AJ'S, Destin JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

45 CENTRAL, Seaside MATT OTTO & WILLIAM FLYNN, 4-6 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, HarborWalkDestin.com DEJA VU BAND, 2-4 p.m. *Winter Guest Concert Series*

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m. *Sunday Funday*

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin JON COWART, 5 p.m.

THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin DONNIE SUNDAL 1-3 p.m. *FREE Winter Concert Series*

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin HOPE GIVEN, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

THE ORIGINAL POINT RESTAURANT, Pensacola WHYTE CAPS

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, **850-231-1008** DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

THE SANDSHAKER, Pensacola POST PLUTO

SAENGER THEATRE, Pensacola MIRANDA SINGS *Is that the girl from that God-awful Netflix series?*

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach BILL GARRETT – "SMILIN'" FRITZ FROESCHNER, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Beachcomberland Musicians

RON ADAMS *American Music Entertainer* www.ronadamsentertainment.com

CADILLAC WILLY *Rock/Jam/Cover Band* www.cadillacwilly.com

AUSTIN JENNINGS *Pop/Acoustic/Soul* www.reverbnation.com/austinjennings

KICKSTAND JENNY *Rock* www.kickstandjenny.com

MATT McCARTY QUINTET *Jazz* mattmccarty.com

NEW EARTH ARMY *Blues/Rock/Funk* theneweartharmy.net

THE RIPS *Surfy Roots Rock* theripstunes.com

DEAN SADOWSKI *Beach/Country/Classic Rock* deansadowski@yahoo.com

SCHATZI + THE STRING BOFFIN *Folked-up Prog Rock* www.SNTSB.com

STRANGE TANG *Hip-Hop/Alternative Rap* www.iheartstrangetang.com

SWAY JAH VU *Reggae/Rock* www.swayjahvu.com

BT TURNER *Tropical Rock/Country* facebook.com/BTTurnerMusic

If you'd like to be listed here, please email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

Live Music

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH, Destin
THREE BRIDGES GOSPEL TRIO, 6 p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
ANA POPOVIC – TYLER MAC BAND – NICK AND THE OVRORLS

MONDAY, JAN. 30

BELLA SERA, HarborWalk Village, Destin
MATT McCARTY QUINTET with DAVID SEERING, 6-9 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
GROUP THERAPY, 9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
RYAN STROUD, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JON COWART, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

AJ'S, Destin
BANJORAMA, 4 p.m.

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island
BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, www.30asongwriterradio.com
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7-11 p.m.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village, CrabslandCantina.com
BT TURNER, 4 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
CONTINUUM, 9 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailin' Blues Wednesdays Starring FINGA FAYA, 8 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
RONNIE PRESLEY, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
Singer-Songwriter Open Mic Hosted by CHRISTIAN MAYES

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, www.30asongwriterradio.com
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach
BRANDON DAY, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BT TURNER, 7 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin
DEAN SADOWSKI, 3-5 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
BISCUIT MILLER & THE MIX, 9 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
STRANGLED DARLINGS, 10 p.m.

THE HANDLEBAR, Pensacola
ROSEDALE

HOG'S BREATH, Destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.
Ladies Night

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach
CHUCK LAWSON, 5-7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

SEVILLE QUARTER, Pensacola
WHYTE CAPS

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

BEAU RIVAGE THEATRE, Biloxi, MS
BILLY CRYSTAL – BONNIE HUNT, 8 p.m.
(\$99.95 and up)

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY

THE CREST, Crestview
LADY IMPRESS, 9 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

DOC'S OYSTER BAR, Valparaiso
BT TURNER, 7 p.m.

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650
HERITAGE, 10 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
STRANGE TANG – THADDAEUS ROYALE, 9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin
JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
LEFTY COLLINS, 5 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside, www.modicamarket.com
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, www.30asongwriterradio.com
Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach
SHOW ME DRAGON, 7 p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
BATTLECROSS – CHILD BITE – SUPERJOINT

WORLD OF BEER, Destin Commons
CONTINUUM, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village, CrabslandCantina.com
BT TURNER, 4 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin
BISCUIT MILLER & THE MIX, 10 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
TOM SAVAGE, 9 p.m.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, HarborWalkDestin.com
KICKSTAND JENNY, Noon

IP CASINO RESORT SPA, Biloxi, MS
CHRISSETTE MICHELE, 8 p.m. (\$35 and up)

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach
REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

THE TANK, Valparaiso
T.B.A. BAND, 9 p.m.

THE TIPSY PIG, Fort Walton Beach
SHOW ME DRAGON, 7 p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
ARSONWAVE – BRAVE NEW WORLD – RISE UP LIGHTS

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

AJ'S, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.

CAMILLE'S, Destin
DEAN SADOWSKI, 10 a.m.-Noon

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
HERITAGE, 3 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin
JIMMY LUMPKIN & THE REVIVAL, 5 p.m.

Live Music

THE MARKET SHOPS, Sandestin

MICHAEL J THOMAS, 1-3 p.m.
FREE Winter Concert Series

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin

HOPE GIVEN, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

THE ORIGINAL POINT RESTAURANT, Pensacola WHYTE CAPS

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

DREAD CLAMPITT, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
HUBBA HUBBA Super Bowl Halftime Show

ROBERTS HALL, Lynn Haven STRANGLED DARLINGS

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach

THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

TREBEACHE, Santa Rosa Beach

BILL GARRETT – "SMILIN'" FRITZ FROESCHNER, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 6

BELLA SERA, HarborWalk Village, Destin

MATT McCARTY QUINTET with DAVID SEERING, 6-9 p.m.

THE DUNGEON TAVERN, Panama City

LIVEWIRE – BACKHOE – NOMVDIC – LORDIS – TUSK – NO CONVICTIONS – INVICTUS, 6 p.m.
Hardcore, death metal, progressive metalcore... tickets are five bucks in advance, \$8 at the door.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650

GROUP THERAPY, 9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin

RYAN STROUD, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin

JIMMY LUMPKIN & THE REVIVAL, 5 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, www.30asongwriterradio.com

ED WRANN & FRIENDS, 7 p.m.
A tribute to the music of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young—trio, quartet and solo tunes. Don't miss out on the fun.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

AJ'S, Destin

BANJORAMA, 4 p.m.

AJ'S ON THE BAYOU, Fort Walton Beach

Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 6-9 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650

THE GOOD LOOKINGS, 9 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin

BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin

HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach

REDD, THE SINGING BARTENDER

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,

www.RuthChrisDestin.com

MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,

www.saltwatergrillpcb.com

MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com

RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island

BILL GARRETT, 8 p.m.-Midnight

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, www.30asongwriterradio.com

Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

AJ'S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island

Karaoke with TIM MORINELLI, 7-11 p.m.

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk

Village, CrabIslandCantina.com

BT TURNER, 4 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin

SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

THE FISH HOUSE, Pensacola

CONTINUUM, 9 p.m.-Midnight

FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666

PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

FUNKY BLUES SHACK, Destin, 850-424-6650

CONTINUUM, 9 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach

Wailin' Blues Wednesdays Starring FINGA FAYA, 8 p.m.

HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin

AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, lulubuffett.com/destin

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THE PORCH, Miramar Beach

EL DUB, 8 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008

RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

REDD'S FUELING STATION, Santa Rosa Beach

Singer-Songwriter Open Mic Hosted by CHRISTIAN MAYES

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com

MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com

MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR'S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com

RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, www.30asongwriterradio.com

TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.



Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/web sites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your Feb. 9-22 events by noon Friday, **Feb. 3**, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

THURSDAY, JAN. 26-SUNDAY, JAN. 29

"A JOURNEY INTO SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, MEDICINE AND SOCIETY"

Various Locations, DeFuniak Springs
floridachautauquaassembly.org

This year's Florida Chautauqua Assembly includes living history exhibits, food trucks, teas, keynote speeches... you know, the usual. And it's always great. Prices start at \$10 for specific events. Call 850-892-7613 for more info.

THURSDAY, JAN. 26-FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 2017

BAYTOWNE ON ICE

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin
baytownewharf.com

Skate on, Beachcomberland!

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

SNOWBIRD DAY AT THE MUSEUM

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

850-678-2615

Reduced admission of just two bucks a person, which gets you a look at all the museum's historic exhibits, plus complimentary tours and light refreshments.

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

SAVE OUR BAY OYSTER ROAST

Whole Foods Market, Destin, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

BasinAlliance.org

FREE event with roasted oysters going for a buck apiece. Kids' activities and much more in support of the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance. Call 850-200-4171 for more info.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Behind Raw & Juicy

www.seasidefl.com

Fresh produce, baked goods, dairy products, native plants and other unique offerings.

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

FLOAT BROTHERS BIRTHDAY BASH

Float Brothers Float Spa, Destin, 5-7 p.m.

Pizza, drinks and FREE stuff commemorating the brothers' first year of "taking you to the upside down."

MONDAY, JAN. 30

TAI CHI WITH BARBARA REZMER

Destin Library, 9 a.m.

taichiforarthritis.com

Cost per session is five bucks. Enrollment is limited to 12 participants per class. Call 850-837-8572 to register.

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

LEARN TO CROSS STITCH WITH JOAN CARPENTER

Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 a.m.-Noon

youseemore.com/walton

FREE class with a 20-year cross-stitch veteran. Bring your own supplies or use theirs. Call Linda at 850-267-2809 for more info.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

"PRIMETIME" WINTER COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 a.m.

Join Vicki McCain from Vicki's Kitchens for an exciting program entitled "The Aromatic and Flavorful World of Herbs and Spices."

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

ACT4MURDER'S "PIRATES, LIES AND MAIL ORDER BRIDES"

Twisted Grape Wine Bar, Shalimar, 6 p.m.

act4murder.com

Red Leg the Dreaded, Pirate of the Gulf and his trusty sidekick Pillage Ann Freebooty return for more laughs on the low seas. VIP packages available.

THURSDAY, FEB. 2-SUNDAY, FEB. 5

TWELFTH ANNUAL GIRLS GETAWAY

Various Locations, Rosemary Beach

rbfgirlsgetaway.com

A fun-filled alternative for Super Bowl weekend. Live music from The Krickets, Mardi Gras bash, bourbon tasting, cooking demonstration, and lots more. Benefiting Sacred Heart Hospital on the Emerald Coast's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit expansion and presented by the Rosemary Beach Foundation. Tickets are \$195 per person—hurry, space is limited.

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

MY CHEMICAL COCKTAIL PARTY

Ramada Plaza, Okaloosa Island, 7-10 p.m.

Eventbrite.com

Join local bartenders and mixologists for a fun evening benefiting the Emerald Coast Science Center.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

EMERALD COAST PARROTHEADS CHILI COOK-OFF

HarborWalk Village, Destin, 11 a.m.

HarborWalkDestin.com

Spiced and spirited competition from over 20 restaurants, plus Beachcomber Music Awards nominees Kickstand Jenny on the main stage. Advanced tickets are \$15; general

Family-Friendly Events

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

Kids Eat FREE, various locations, Walton and Okaloosa counties. More at EmeraldCoastKids.org.

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

Pirate & Princess Night at Chick-Fil-A, Niceville, 5-7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 28-SUNDAY, JAN. 29

Kids FREE Day at GULFARIUM, Okaloosa Island, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Ages 12 and under—limit two per adult. Gulfarium.com.

MONDAY, JAN. 30

Valentine Dog Treats at the Doggy Bag, Destin, 6-7:30 p.m. Learn to make healthy goodies for your bestie. Call 850-376-4190 to register.

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

LEGO Club (Grades K-5) at Freeport Library, 3-4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

LEGO Club at Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

Read with a Topsail Ranger at Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

30A Farmers Market at Rosemary Beach, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 6

Storytime at Fort Walton Beach Library, 10:30 a.m. For babies and preschoolers.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

Storytime at Crestview Library, 10:15 a.m. For ages 3 and up.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

Ice Skating at the Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 4-9 p.m. baytownewharf.com.

- Kellyanne Bartleson, EmeraldCoastKids.org

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA

1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service 2nd and 4th Sundays, morning prayer, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

AND LIFE CENTER

Contemporary service, 9 a.m. Traditional and youth services at 11 a.m. Weekend beachside services begin at 7:30 a.m. at Henderson Beach State Park Memorial Day weekend. 200 Beach Drive, Destin. 850-837-2021.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geromino St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN

Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE

Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sundays 8 a.m. worship, 9:15 bible study, 10:30 worship, 4325 Commons Drive, 850-654-1679.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason

Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. www.saintritaparish.org.

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH

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Lori Leath Smith



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Kathryn Kenner

Events

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SUNDAY, FEB. 5

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Destin Library, 9 a.m.
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TUESDAY, FEB. 7

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

"PRIME TIME" WINTER COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 10 a.m.

Beachcomber Music Award nominated harpist Katie Ott performs and gives a brief history of her instrument.



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Photo submitted by Natalie Davis.

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

JAN. 27

Gold. Matthew McConaughey at his best. Oh, wait, we're thinking of the car commercials.

Resident Evil: The Final Chapter.

Yeah, that's what the *Friday the 13th* people said back in the '80s, then they proceeded to make a dozen or so more installments.

FEB. 3

The Comedian. Robert DeNiro as an aging jokester. We'd hoped this would be the second coming of Rupert Pupkin, but the early notices don't look too promising. Too bad.

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JAN. 31

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Masterminds. Zach Galifianakis and Owen Wilson in an alleged "comedy" from the hack that gave the world *Napoleon Dynamite*.

FEB. 7

Almost Christmas. Like we needed an excuse to leave the tree up for another month.

Loving. Acclaimed historical drama starring Joel Edgerton and Ruth Negga.



Congratulations to 2017 Beachcomber Music Award winner Katie Ott, who's up for Best Classical Artist along with the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and Sinfonia Gulf Coast. "My dad (Dr. David Ott) says you spend half your time tuning the harp and the other half playing out of tune," Katie told us back in 2008. Katie, let's catch up soon.

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Nonprofit Spotlight

Tee Is for Therapy

By Joni Williams

For most golfers, the sport offers friendly competition, a little exercise and a great way to spend a leisurely day on the greens. But to the combat veterans who are a part of **Fairways for Warriors**, it's all that and more.

The Orlando-based nonprofit uses golf as a healing therapy, and for some veterans, its effectiveness has been nothing short of life changing. Now, thanks to the start-up of a local chapter, its services are available to heroes along Florida's Panhandle.

"It's only fitting that Fairways for Warriors would start a local chapter here," says founder **Tom Underwood**. "I used to be up there in the Panhandle all the time. I'm real familiar with the area." Underwood acknowledges the area's high military population and numerous golf courses. Putting the two together fits the nonprofit's mission to a tee—it seemed almost inevitable for a local chapter to take hold.

Underwood came up with the idea of utilizing golf for its therapeutic benefits after witnessing his own father struggle with what is now called Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) after serving in World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars. But because he was unaware of the diagnosis, much less any effective treatments for it, he instead took to self-medicating with alcohol and heavy cigarette smoking—vices Underwood believes significantly shortened his father's life.

More than that, Underwood became convinced his father's downward spiral could have been eased with non-traditional therapy—one that provided social camaraderie and all

around good times. Then he had an idea. "He loved golf," Underwood writes of his father on the organization's website. "And if there had been a program to incorporate this therapeutic sport into his journey towards healing, I think his life story would have had a dramatically different outcome."

Since launching in 2010, the nonprofit has come to incorporate additional therapies into their strategy for healing. One of the most promising is ART (Accelerated Resolution Therapy) that has shown encouraging results in initial research tracking its effectiveness as a treatment for PTSD.

"It's amazing how well it works," says Underwood. "Many of our combat veterans were helped in their first session." He was equally enthusiastic about Panama City Beach therapist Dale Heppe, who works with vets locally. "The cool thing is, he's not just a therapist, he's also a veteran who likes to play golf."

Golf is still front and center at Fairways for Warriors and participation is high, even among the staggering number of veterans who've lost limbs to combat, women as well as men. Kelly Smith, for example, was shot five times resulting in the loss of her left arm. Yet she's learned to adapt and enthusiastically hits the links on a regular basis.

Fairways for Warriors partners with courses to make the game more affordable, too. Locally, Tiger Point offers warriors a special, discounted rate of \$15. And a Crestview course has a \$10 price point in the works. Enthusiasm and participation has been strong as golf serves as a pleasant diversion while giving warriors a chance to socialize with other combat vets who can readily relate to what they



have gone through. And perhaps, most importantly, continue to struggle with.

"Sometimes the physical injuries are the least of it," says Underwood, discussing the psychological fallout many vets experience after surviving combat. "You can get a new limb but you can't get a new mind."

He tells of one vet, Juan Velasquez, a proficient soccer player who almost went pro. Instead, he served his country in Afghanistan as an Army engineer and not only sustained injuries, but also lost three of his buddies. Upon his return to the states, he became reclusive and withdrawn to the point that "his neighbors thought his wife was a single mom," says Underwood. "He just never left the house."

All of that changed with Fairways for Warriors, which offered therapy and

support for Velasquez as well as his family. As Underwood points out, "It's not just the vet who's affected, it's the whole family." He also stresses that Fairways for Warriors is a fully comprehensive veterans association.

That means frequently going the extra mile whenever possible, working to secure housing for homeless vets or providing vehicles to those lacking transportation. "Golf is just a vehicle to get the (vets) together," says Underwood. "We do so much more than that."

Often, combat veterans who have successfully sought the services of the organization pay it forward by becoming counselors themselves. "Because we have so many who are helped by our program, a lot of them want to give back," says Underwood.

The organization depends on donations and special events, like an upcoming Atlanta golf tourney in April, for funding. Overhead is kept low by utilizing donated professional business services such as advertising, and a staff largely comprised of volunteers.

And that includes Underwood. Though working tirelessly for the organization since its inception in 2010, neither he nor his wife draw a salary. Paid staff consists of two recent hires, both part-time. Underwood says this is how Fairways for Warriors is able to spend only five percent of its income on operations, with the remaining 95 percent going directly to the vets.

To donate or learn more, visit fairwaysforwarriors.org.



FWB Native Roberts – Serving His Community for 30-Plus Years

By Samantha Lambert

“Keep your eye on the horizon” is the mantra of newly installed Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce Chair **Bill Roberts**. Born and raised in Fort Walton Beach, Roberts has spent most of his life working to make his hometown a great place to work and live.

Roberts was born in the Fort Walton Beach Hospital that was originally on Brooks Street in the downtown area. His father, Billy Roberts, worked with his brother Paul at Roberts Drug Store on Highway 98. Roberts is a product of the Okaloosa County School System and attended Florida State University.

After Florida State, Roberts started working at Sears Roebuck and Company. It was there that he got his start in the insurance business when he went to work for Allstate. He would work for Allstate for 30 years.

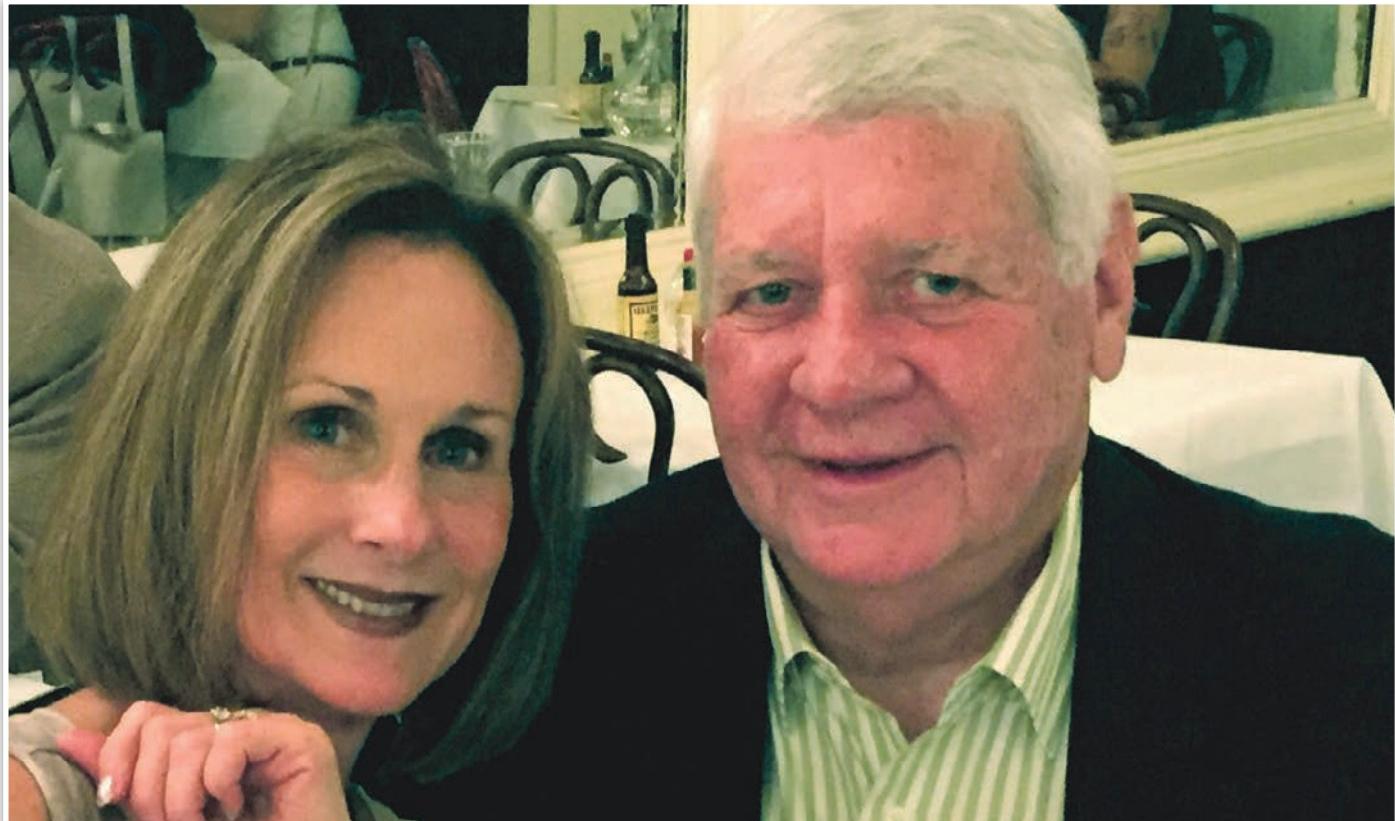
In 1971, Roberts married the former Debi Hansen. Bill and Debi have two sons—Robbie (44) and Drew (36)—and six grandchildren. Debi has been the registrar at Liza Jackson Preparatory School for the last 16 years. The couple have been married for 46 years.

In 1985, Roberts began thinking about running for the City Council in Fort Walton Beach. His father had served as a member, and was also mayor of Fort Walton Beach. Roberts ran for Council and won. He would serve for one term on the Council from 1985 to 1989.

“While I was on the City Council, I was elected chairman of the Community Redevelopment Agency,” says Roberts. “During my time on that committee, the city purchased six acres of land in downtown Fort Walton Beach that became the Landing. That was one of the most meaningful things I was part of while on the Council.”

In 1989, Roberts ran for mayor of Fort Walton Beach and won. After serving one term as mayor, Roberts stepped away from politics for a while. In 2002, he decided to get back into politics and ran for Okaloosa County Commissioner. He won and represented District 3 until 2012.

“District 3 covered an area from the Kenwood subdivision in Fort Walton Beach northward to Baker, Holt and Milligan,” says Roberts. “I learned a



Debi and Bill Roberts

lot about the north end of Okaloosa County and its beauty. It was a tough job, but I met so many good people.”

In 2013, Roberts went to work for Barnes Insurance and Financial Services, where he is currently the managing director at the Fort Walton Beach location. For the last few years, Roberts has become more involved with the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce.

He had previously served on the Chamber’s Liaison Committee while on the Okaloosa County Commission. He became a member of the Chamber’s Board of Directors and Chairman Elect in 2016. In January, Roberts was sworn in as the new Chairman of the Board of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Elizabeth Chestnut, the Director of Administration and Social Media Manager for the Chamber, says, “Bill is absolutely wonderful to work with. He has a great heart and interest in the Fort Walton Beach community, and I cannot wait to see what all he does as chair in 2017.”

“My husband has always been very sincere about what he did in city and county government and did not let

people influence him,” says Roberts’ wife Debi. “He really cares about his community. I have always supported him and am so very proud of him.”

The Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce was founded in 1946 by a small group of businessmen. Today, it is the largest Chamber of Commerce

from Pensacola to Tallahassee and boasts 2,000 members.

As for keeping an eye on the horizon? “I want the Chamber of Commerce to continue to give value to its members and their businesses and to be a constant in our community,” says Roberts.

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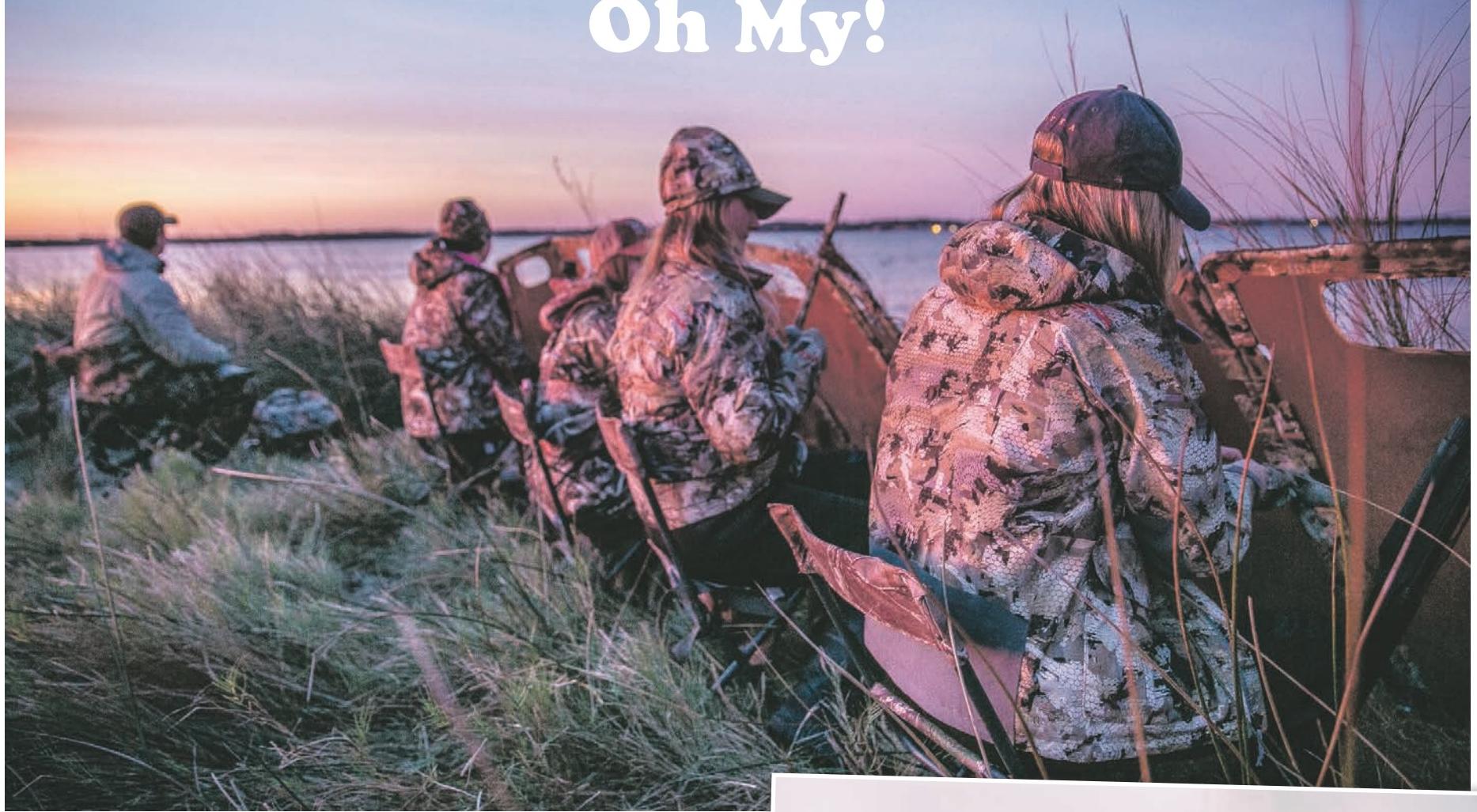
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Ducks, Redfish and Stingrays... Oh My!



By Jenna Taylor
Photos by Hunter Forbes

Four girls who love the outdoors travel to sportsman's paradise—a/k/a Santa Rosa Beach, Florida—for three whole days of duck hunting, bowfishing and chasing redfish? That sounds like a recipe for a damn good time.

And that's exactly what went down.

We had planned this trip months in advance, when I told them I would be moving down to Florida. The perfect opportunity to have the girls down for some outdoor activities that wouldn't be in the middle of nowhere, which is what we were used to. Population 25 towns with one subpar restaurant to eat at vs. Florida beaches and restaurants galore? I'll let you decide.

December was relatively hot based on the historical average. That was perfect for us, as we had planned to jam pack hunting and fishing from dusk until dawn for those three days.

We started the morning after the girls arrived. First up was duck hunting.

Duck hunting in Florida would be unlike any other waterfowl hunting that the girls had ever done, so Hunter and I were especially excited to take them out.

It was a 3:45 a.m. wake up call. We got up, put our camouflage on, grabbed coffee and sleepily ventured out.

As Hunter and our friend Clint were setting out the eight dozen decoys, we girls got out the stools, put up our panel blinds, propped our guns up and patiently waited for the birds to come. Buffleheads, redheads and bluebills came in that morning. It was a morning that we won't forget.

During our ride back, we were pleasantly surprised by the hundreds of rays we saw up on the flats. There is a great migration that occurs twice a year—north in late spring and south in late autumn. Which is why it was such a surprise to us.

We quickly pulled back up to the dock, loaded up the bowfishing rigs and headed back out.



A day filled with laughter, sunshine and lots of success. It was December 16, we were listening to "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" and reeling in rays. What more could you ask for?

Redfish. That's what more you could ask for.

Fast forward to the next day.

Rain may have been in the forecast, but we pushed through it and decided to fish anyway. We figured that we could get away from the rain if need be. We ventured out midday to search for the infamous red drum, and boy did we find them.

I wish I could tell you that was the most interesting/exciting moment of the day but shortly thereafter, we found ourselves quickly running away from the black clouds that surrounded us. Crouching down behind Hunter to keep away from the rain and hoping it would stop at any moment, we finally made it back and sought refuge under the dock.

Needless to say, we ended the day dripping from head to toe. And it was all well worth it.

During those three days, we frequented Don Pedro's for breakfast, strengthened friendships and laughed our tails off all while watching the sun rise and set in the beautiful Choctawhatchee Bay.

It was exhausting. Waking up before 4 a.m., duck hunting, fishing, and then a group dinner every night. Lacking sleep, but making up for it with memories made. Those were a long three days, but well worth every minute.

Thank you, 30A Guide Service! Until next time...

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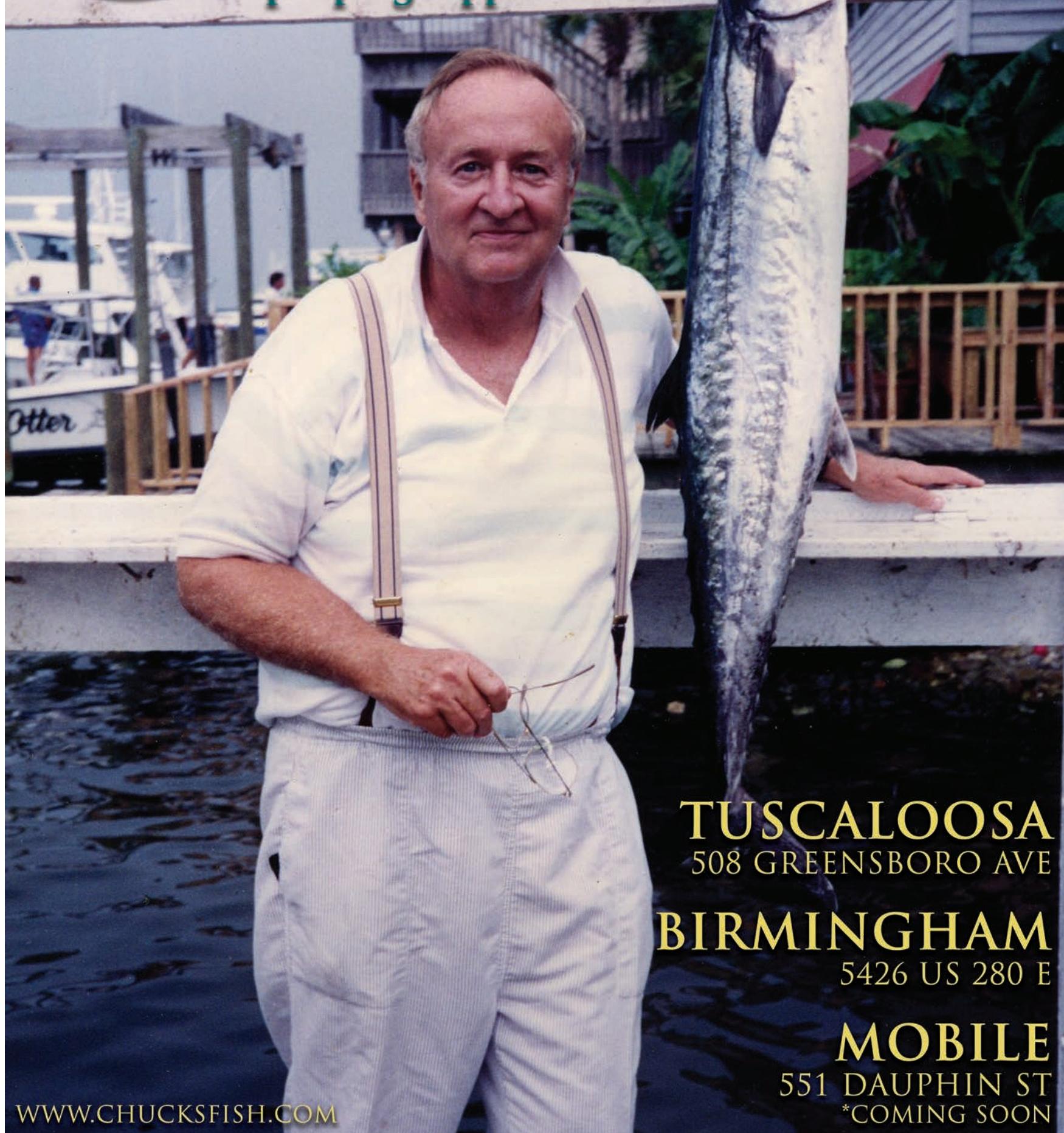


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Our Own Bruce Collier Makes His EC Theatre Company Debut



Bruce Collier and Teance Blackburn in Emerald Coast Theatre Company's *BAKERSFIELD MIST*. Collier is a longtime contributor to this publication.

Emerald Coast Theatre Company (ECTC), the nonprofit professional theater company based in Miramar Beach, presents *Bakersfield Mist* as the final main stage performance of the company's 2016-17 season.

The production opens with a preview Thursday, **Jan. 26**, and runs through Sunday, **Feb. 19**. Evening performances are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Matinees shows are at 2 on Sundays. All 16 performances will be staged at the new ECTC performance space at Grand Boulevard in Sandestin.

Inspired by true events, *Bakersfield Mist* is a hilarious comedy-drama by award-winning playwright Stephen Sachs that follows unemployed bartender Maude Gutman and art expert Lionel Percy as they begin to question the true definition of art and the authenticity of people.

Maude has purchased a painting for a few bucks from a thrift store. Despite almost trashing it, she's now convinced it's a long lost masterpiece by Jackson Pollock worth millions. But when world-renowned art expert Percy flies over from New York and arrives at her trailer home in Bakersfield, California to authenticate the painting, he has no idea what he is about to discover.

The play—which garnered the Boston Theatre Critics Association's Elliot Norton Award for Best New Play in 2012—is directed ECTC's producing artistic director **Nathanael Fisher** who has been involved in professional theater for more than 20 years.

"This play is the perfect comedy for our community, which is home to so many talented visual artists and art fans who love and follow their work," says Fisher. "I think audiences will appreciate how this play challenges the basis of one's perspective and shows how the brush strokes of trials and tribulations create the canvas of one's life."

The two-member cast consists of **Teance Blackburn** and *Beachcomber Contributing Editor Bruce Collier*.

Collier makes his Emerald Coast Theatre Company debut as Lionel Percy. A native of Ohio, Collier has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in theater from Wright State University and a Juris Doctor degree from Tulane Law School in New Orleans.

In addition to college and non-professional productions, Collier has performed professionally in summer stock in Ohio, at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival, and at New Horizons Theatre in Michigan. He has appeared in numerous productions at the

Seaside Repertory Theatre, including *The Fantasticks*, *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*, *True West*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Proof*, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* and *A Beach Home Companion*, which he co-wrote.

He has portrayed both Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin D. Roosevelt, as well as Winston Churchill in Nancy Hasty's *We Were Soldiers Too*. Collier is currently writing a one-man show about Churchill.

Blackburn has been performing locally for more than 15 years. Some of her favorite roles include Louise in *Always, Patsy Cline* and Boochie in *Den of Thieves* (also with Collier). She is a comedian at heart and performs with ECTC's house improv troupe. Blackburn is also a regular contributor to *TMZ Live*.

Bakersfield Mist performances run approximately 80 minutes with no intermission. The show contains some profanity and is not recommended for children under 13. Doors open 30 minutes prior to performance time.

Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$15 for students. To purchase tickets or make a tax-deductible donation, visit emeraldcoasttheatre.org or call 850-684-0323.

- Zandra Wolfgram

Time Travelin' Man: 15 Questions with Fraser Sherman

Interview by Chris Manson

1. Where do you live?

Durham, North Carolina. I moved up here in 2010 to be with my fiancee LeAnn. We married a year later.

2. What's your background, as far as the time you spent on the Emerald Coast?

My dad was civil service. We moved from England to Fort Walton Beach back in 1969. I graduated Choctaw in '76, graduated Oberlin College in 1980, then came back to Fort Walton Beach. I'd probably still be there if I hadn't met LeAnn.

3. Tell us about your new book.

Now and Then We Time Travel looks at films and TV about time travel, changing history and alternate history. The text focuses on films and television series from the U.S., Canada, England and Japan (because of how popular anime has become). One appendix tackles everything I could find from the rest of the world. Another looks at material with a very slight time-travel element—like someone miraculously getting to time-travel at the end and fix everything, like the first Christopher Reeve *Superman* film.

4. What prompted you to take on the time travel genre?

I knew there were recurring elements in time travel films, such as, *Oh, I left my great love in the past, but look, here's her exact double in the present, I'm happy again!* I thought it would be interesting to look at the films and study the elements in detail. I discovered, for example, that movies and TV focus far more on changing someone's personal history (*Back*

to the Future, for instance) than anything else. Which makes sense—it's a visual medium, so personal drama works better than abstract discussions of theory.

5. How much time did you spend watching films and TV episodes, and when did you sleep?

It took two years to work on the book. I thought I was giving myself a very generous deadline, but there was much more material than I realized. I was watching various TV shows right up to the end. But I did squeeze in some sleep.

6. Did you discover a new favorite movie while researching the book?

Quite a few. *Nostradamus*, with Rob Estes and Joely Fisher, has time-traveling fallen angels coming from the past to kill enough good people in the present that Satan can win the apocalypse. It ain't art, but it's fun. *The Visitors*, from France, is hysterical slapstick about medieval characters wandering around the present. And the TV series *Day Break* and *Odyssey* 5 are both excellent.

7. And what was the worst thing you watched?

So hard to pick, because I watched so much crap...I might go with *The Final Countdown* because it's got all the ingredients for success, including good actors, a decent budget and a good concept (modern-day aircraft carrier goes back to Dec. 6, 1941), yet it's completely pointless. After lots of debate about changing history, they get sucked back to the present before the Japanese attack so nothing really happens.

8. What is your personal favorite as far as time travel flicks?

It's hard to pick but I'd go with either *Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure* or the 1960 *The Time Machine* with the most elegantly designed time machine ever. But don't hold me to those. For TV, undoubtedly *Doctor Who*.

9. Who are some of the writers that inspired you?

For film reference books, Bill Warren's *Keep Watching the Skies*, a history of 1950s science fiction films, is probably my gold standard. For fiction, the fantasy writers Fritz Leiber, Jorge Luis Borges and Diana Wynne Jones.

10. What else are you writing for these days?

At the moment, I'm mostly writing fiction. I just had a story come out in the online magazine *Lorelei Signal*. I also self-published an ebook on the Bond films, *Sex for Dinner, Death for Breakfast*.

11. What do you miss most about the Emerald Coast?

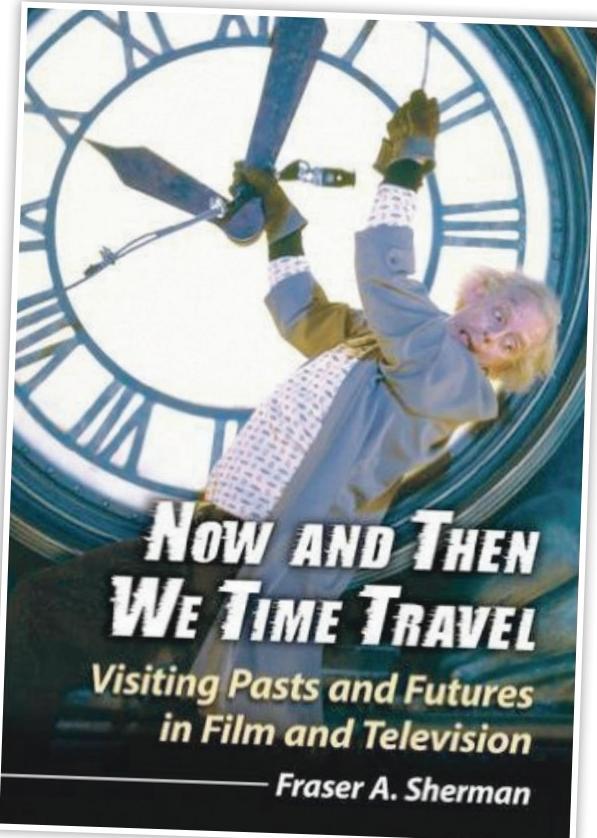
All my friends, definitely.

12. Are you already working on your next book?

Yep. I'm spending most of my time on *Southern Discomfort*, a fantasy set in Georgia in 1973.

13. What advice do you have for aspiring writers?

Have fun. The odds are against becoming obscenely



wealthy, there's lots of rejection—the best reason for becoming a writer is that you enjoy it.

14. If you could time travel to any era, what would it be and why?

I'd pick the 1970s, simply because I was a teenager and I'd love to compare my memories of the era with my adult perceptions.

15. What do you like best about writing?

The moment I get the most fun out of is when I'm rewriting and I finally see how everything is supposed to fit together. It's incredibly satisfying, whether I'm writing fiction or nonfiction.



UPCOMING BOOKS

JAN. 31

Jennie Allen, *Nothing to Prove: Why We Can Stop Trying So Hard*

Paul Auster, *4 3 2 1: A Novel*

Jennifer Donnelly, *Beauty and the Beast: Lost in a Book*

Lisa Gardner, *Right Behind You*

Beth Kobliner, *Make Your Kid a Money Genius (Even If You're Not)*

Marissa Meyer and Douglas Holgate, *Wires and Nerve: Volume 1*

Roger Stone, *The Making of the President 2016: How Donald Trump Orchestrated a Revolution*

FEB. 7

Victoria Aveyard, *King's Cage (Red Queen)*

Fredrik Backman, *Britt-Marie Was Here*

Neil Gaiman, *Norse Mythology*

Stephanie Garber, *Caraval*

J.D. Robb, *Echoes in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel*

Todd Starnes, *The Deplorables' Guide to Making America Great Again (Paperback)*

Haemin Sunim, *The Things You Can See Only When You Calm Down: How to Be Calm and Mindful in a Fast-Paced World*

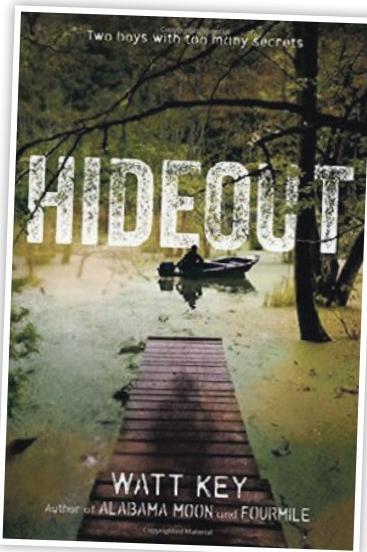
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Recommended Reading

Watt Key

Hideout

Farrar, Straus and Giroux
The award-winning novelist's latest follows the adventures of a 13-year-old boy who heads out alone into the swamps and marshes surrounding his home in Pascagoula, Mississippi. Setting off in his new boat, Sam navigates through the murky waterways in search of a mysterious body that authorities have been unable to locate. What starts out as a quest for fame turns into a fight for survival, as Sam finds himself becoming more and more entangled in the intrigues of the swamp—and the life of a lone boy he discovers eking out a sorry existence in a deserted fish camp. Key specializes in southern fiction geared toward school-aged youth.



- Kimberly White

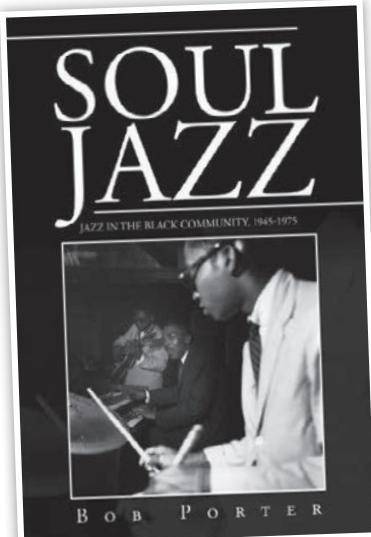
Bob Porter

Soul Jazz

Xlibris

Porter's *Soul Jazz* seeks to fill what he, as a fan and music producer, perceived as a gap in 20th century jazz history. He defines Soul Jazz in the preface as "music of the organ groups, funky piano trios, and tenor sax men of the fifties, sixties and early seventies." Since he worked with a lot of the musicians he chronicles, Porter blends research with reminiscence. There's a good (accelerated) history of jazz post-World War II, some political commentary and a skillful interweaving of the stars (e.g., Grover Washington Jr. and Ramsey Lewis) with their producers and promoters.

- Bruce Collier



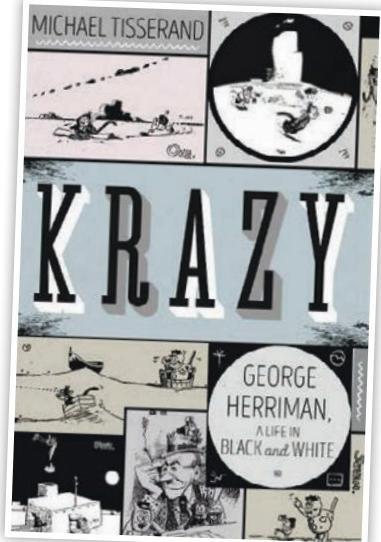
Michael Tisserand

Krazy: George Herriman, a Life in Black and White

HarperCollins

Cartoonist George Herriman created one of the first superstars of the comics—the androgynous, grammatically challenged feline Krazy Kat. My experience with Krazy and her associates Ignatz Mouse and Offissa Pup was limited to animated cartoons. Apparently these were pale versions of an undiluted original. Drawing on newspaper archives, birth records and memoirs, Tisserand establishes connections between Herriman's art and his life, the centerpiece of which was that Herriman, a mixed-race child of New Orleans, "passed" as a white man, enjoying social access and opportunities he would never have otherwise. No wonder Ignatz loved throwing bricks at everyone.

- Bruce Collier



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I have always been leery of restaurants calling themselves “organic” or “natural.” In my experience, they often serve food that tastes more like penance than lunch, accompanied by a dipping sauce of New Age sermonizing. One usually leaves hungry, which constitutes Mission Failure in my book.

Before I went to **Cafe Organic**, I took the time to reconnoitre the website and the menu (I do that with every restaurant I visit). I was encouraged. There were plenty of appealing food choices, even a hamburger. And make no mistake, I love fruits and vegetables. My love stops short of worship, that’s all.

Cafe Organic is on Truxton Avenue in FoWal, off the beaten path, in a quiet little neighborhood of residences, small businesses and offices. It’s a residential-looking structure, with a long dining room inside, a counter with stools, and an outdoor dining area in the back. The tables are brightly painted, and the walls are decorated with nature-themed artwork. Colors are light and restful, making it quiet, tranquil, and a peaceful spot to sit and relax.

The menu is detailed on a wallboard, and there’s a smaller menu listing specials. I had decided in advance to order a pizza and some takeout for later (I was dining alone that day), but one of the specials caught my eye.

I love fish cakes. I make fish cakes—from salmon, crab, and any other fish I can form into seasoned patties. The special was fish cakes. One of the staff told me they were freshly made and personally vouched for their quality. The pizza went untasted, and I ordered the fish cakes with a side salad of quinoa and a blended-up “green drink” called Mango Momma, a mix of mango, banana, almond milk and kale (which supplied the green).

To go, I chose a portobello mushroom melt with Swiss cheese, avocado, tomato and greens on a sprouted bun, and a ginger miso salad with spinach, beet, carrot, cucumber, sprouts and almonds, with grilled chicken and ginger miso dressing. I also got a Tropical Wonder smoothie with mango, orange, pineapple and coconut water. Dessert would be a “pick me up cookie.”

I sat and sipped my drink while they made my lunch. The drink was just slightly sweet, allowing me to taste the fruit and the bite of the kale, an improvement over heavily sweetened “health” drinks I’ve had elsewhere. Some nice ‘70s-era rock kept me company, and I soon smelled the aroma of ginger and herbs, rather Thai and very appetizing. A few customers came and went (I was dining early in the day) and the staff was both friendly and efficient. This, I realized, is a serious restaurant, not an outpost of chic.



My fish cakes and salad came, on a real plate with silverware—welcoming, like eating at a friend’s house. Two hot cakes of fish sat on individual beds of greens, laced with fresh herbs and Asian-inflected seasoning, topped with mango. The quinoa salad was superb—perfectly cooked grains, subtly spiced and begging for seconds. I tried not so subtly to get the dressing recipe for it, and got a friendly but diplomatically evasive response. I don’t blame the chef—I’d keep it to myself, too.

But I hope to duplicate it someday. I already have the quinoa.

Other menu choices include a Momma Earth wrap (chicken or tempeh with vegetables and herb dressing), cheeseburger (grass-fed, hormone-free beef), tuna salad, pesto pizza (the one that got away), and southwest wrap with black bean hummus and chipotle. Dinner size salads include kale, Mediterranean, and market salad, with assorted protein add-ins and dressings.

Other green drink and smoothie options include Florida Delight (orange and banana), green lemonade, sweet-n-green (strawberry pineapple), chocolate chip almond, creamy cocoa coffee, and assorted juice shots.

There are also daily soup, salad and side dish specials. On some evenings the cafe is open for happy hour and dinner with music, serving selected beer and wines.

My family and I ate the sandwich and salad later. Both stayed fresh and good, the portobello meaty and savory, the miso salad a riot of red, green and orange that made me feel extra healthy all next day. The cookie was a cross between a brownie, an oatmeal cookie and a Fig Newton, naturally sweet and chewy.

If I entered Cafe Organic slightly prejudiced, I came out well-fed and very glad I’d eaten all my vegetables.



CAFE ORGANIC
113 Truxton Ave.
Fort Walton Beach
850-585-3645

Hours: Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Reservations: Not Necessary

Children's Menu: Yes

Dress: Casual

You’ll be glad you ate your vegetables at Cafe Organic. They serve all kinds of healthy and colorful fruit and vegetable dishes, sandwiches, wraps, soups and pizza, with hamburger, chicken and fish options. The food is fresh, fragrant and satisfying. Beer and wine, \$3-10.

Million Dollar Baby, Million Dollar Brews

By Joni Williams

Like a lot of other hopheads, we've known for some time that **PROPS Brewery's** beer tastes like a million bucks. And now they've put their money where our mouths are.

PROPS has undergone a million-plus dollar expansion to keep up with ever-increasing demand that we were told by a staffer has made them the area's largest brewery between here and Birmingham, Alabama. Impressive, but just as exciting from a beer lover's point of view, is the increasing variety of brews they continue to roll out.

Their beer list now runs the gamut from the spicy Blonde Sanchez to the freshly squeezed flavored Citrus Mistress and the traditional dark Dunkelweizen. We counted well over a dozen, including longtime staples like their renowned golden Blonde Bomber Ale and Flying Coffin IPA. The canned versions have been available in various markets for some time, with a porter and brown ale slated to hit shelves soon.

Making all this beer takes space. Lots of it. Way more than they could squeeze out of their original location just west of the Brooks Bridge in Fort Walton Beach. Though the original location carries on with full food and beer menus intact, PROPS recently opened a massive distribution center on Lovejoy Road, along with a nearby brewery and taproom where beer is made in the back and served up front. Talk about fresh brewed.

Though they don't serve food at this new location, plans are in the works



to host Food Truck Fridays, with mobile vendors offering a variety of noshings. Unlike so many places, the new taproom is also said to be cool with BYOE (Bring Your Own Eats). Got a sandwich in your satchel or pretzels in your pocket? No need to hide them here.

But we weren't there for food, we were there for beer. Why else would you go to a place that's like a piece of beer heaven right here in the F-Dub? Already familiar with the Blonde Bomber Golden Ale, we shook things up and dug into a flight of four new-to-us brews.

Always lovers of classics, we first hit the **PROPS Hefeweizen**, a deep golden wheat ale that's not as yeasty or banana-ish as other Hefes. It's hearty yet smooth, and goes down easy. Likewise, the **Twin Props**, a cleverly named double IPA, is rich with hops and a classic kick of bitters, but nothing is overdone. And with an 8.3 percent ABV, it's almost too easy to drink.

We switched to darks with the **Prop Oil Porter**, soon to hit shelves in cans. Earthy and rich with flavor that isn't too figgy, we're now officially

fans even though we're super picky about porters. We also tipped back PROPS' velvety **4 Kings**—malty, slightly roasted and definitely hearty. It's one of those meal-in-a-glass brews that we so love.

What makes PROPS' beers so enjoyable is, no matter how light and mild or earthy and robust, they're each well-balanced, smooth and fresh tasting. And what makes visiting PROPS so enjoyable—besides the yummy beers, that is—is its comfortable, casual, never-met-a-stranger vibe.

The beertenders also know their stuff. Don't know squat about beer? No worries. They'll patiently help you find what appeals to your taste or, just as readily, sense of adventure. You may even get an impromptu tour of the back of the house for an up-close view of the magnificent gleaming vats, finishing with a blast of Antarctic air from the gigantic cooler.

Despite their rocketing success in a mere half-decade, PROPS remains a locally owned endeavor by four former military dudes—no corporate sell-outs here. And props to them for keeping prices unbelievably reasonable and the service top-notch and personal despite their recent million-plus dollar investment.

Having mastered the recipe for success as well as great brews, it's obvious that—just like its most famous ale—PROPS is golden and not to be missed.



Restaurant Guide

If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at chris@beachcomberdestin.com!

AMERICAN

CALLAHAN'S A long-time favorite of Destin locals, Callahan's Restaurant & Deli lives up to its name, offering one of the town's most varied selections of deli sandwiches, salads, and full-on meals, with everything from quiche to barbecue. Steaks and chops are a perennial favorite, along with comforting meals of pot roast, prime rib, seafood platters, and some fancier regular and special items. Lunch and dinner; beer, wine and mixed drinks, \$3-20. 791 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-6328/837-7171. www.callahansdestin.com. www.facebook.com/callahansdestin.

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LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

ECLECTIC

CAFÉ THIRTY-A Cafe Thirty-A has been here a while. Finding out why can be a delicious experience. A nightly-changing menu offers steaks, chicken, pork, lamb, and local seafood elegantly prepared with imaginative sauces and sides, courteously served in a beautiful beach-house a.m.sphere. Lobster bisque, stone crab claws, seasonal fish and shellfish, and wood oven-baked pizzas. Full bar. \$8-36. 3899 E. Scenic Highway 30-A, Seagrove Beach, 850-231-2166.

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LATIN / MEXICAN

CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. www.CrabIslandCantina.com.

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Bartender of the Issue



Jessica McNeal

Helen Back, Destin-Fort Walton Beach Airport

Jessica is originally from Frankfurt, Germany, and has been living in Florida for the last 10 years or so. She's been bartending and waitressing since age 16. "I love what I do," she says. "You get to meet interesting people every single day. The person sitting across from you at the bar is never the same. Everybody has a story, and I love hearing them."

Her favorite drink to make for her customers? Bloody Marys and/or Long Island Iced Teas.

Sadly, her time at Helen Back's airport location is coming to an end after five years. Their lease is ending, and a new company is moving in—probably by the time this issue drops.

"It's bittersweet that it's ending here, because we all became family here," says Jessica. "I know the Helen Back family will figure out how to relocate us, or write recommendations for our next adventure."

- Chris Manson

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Catchy name aside, Pinot Evil—whose label includes the See No Evil-Hear No Evil-Speak No Evil monkeys—is actually a nice Pinto Noir.

Many winemakers call Pinot Noir “the heartbreak grape” because it is so delicate. The back label of Pinot Evil refers to this characteristic, since its thin skin is easily affected by pests, disease and temperature changes.

Pinot is French for pinecone and describes the shape of the grape clusters on the vine. Pinot Noir is one of the Noble Grapes—along with Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Syrah—in the red-black grape family.

The smooth, silky taste of Pinot Evil is nice for sipping but also complements mild red meats, soft cheeses or dark chocolate.

The local vendor for the wine is Republic National Distributing Company. It has been available at McGuire’s in Destin, but it would be our pleasure to serve you a glass or bottle at the Twisted Grape Wine Bar in Shalimar.

- Debbie Thomas



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HarborWalk Village, Destin
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LANDSHARK'S PIZZA

300 Harbor Blvd., Destin
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When: 3-6 p.m. daily.
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I'm Rich!

By Paula Hilton

No, I didn't win the lottery, although my family and I do continue trying. Our "corporation," as we call it, invests each week in the Powerball hoping to bring it home one of these days.

Hasn't happened yet, but I'm still rich. Because living here in Beachcomberland, I've found that no matter what I want to do—go out for dinner, go shopping, go out for a walk, I'm always rich in choices. No, we don't have 821,000 restaurants like New York City, or a mall comparable to Minnesota's Mall of America, but we do have plenty of great restaurants, great shopping and great people.

We also have a ton of beautiful real estate. Vacation homes prevail. This lends itself very well to my small acting troupe, Act4Murder. Every year I host an elegant awards party—the Act4Murder Accolades, on par with Hollywood's Academy Awards. We have amazing food, music, and trophies for the winners, even a red carpet and a photographer to capture

each guest's arrival and every minute of our extravagant event.

And the location of the event changes each year because of the large number of gorgeous homes that are available to rent. We've had our awards event in Destin, 30A, Navarre, Miramar Beach, Dune Allen Beach, Santa Rosa Beach, and this year we're taking it out to Pensacola Beach for the first time.

I use VRBO.com (Vacation Rentals by Owner—I have no affiliation to the company, but have had nothing but good luck finding the perfect house each year using this site) to search for property that will suit our needs. We really only need three things—a big kitchen, a big gathering area with a large flat-screen TV and DVD player, and a view of the Gulf of Mexico.

The big kitchen is necessary because I somehow manage to talk my family into helping me prepare food for the party every year. My mom, sister, niece and two daughters are usually there with me all day long preparing around 20 different finger foods for the event. Between the deep-fat fryer, stove-top

grill, skillets, pans, oven and numerous crock pots—plus all the platters of cold food that has to be assembled—you can imagine we need a lot of counter space and room to move around.

The big gathering area is needed because we have around 30 guests at the event, and I assemble an awesome (Academy Award-worthy) slide show presentation of all our shows from the past year, which they enjoy on the big-screen. I give out trophies to everyone afterwards, so we need room for the acceptance speeches. And it wouldn't be a party without dancing. Watching a bunch of actors showing off their moves on the dance floor is not only amusing but a great way to end the evening.

And the view? That's really just for me. Taking a walk on the beach the day after the party is the perfect way to unwind and start thinking about next year's event. After all, we live in Beachcomberland, rich in beautiful beaches and breathtaking views of the water.

See? I told you I was rich!

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Eight million people are affected by the decisions of the South Florida Water Management District, but Rick Scott has turned it into a naked political lobby for the sugar barons, who are already rich from government crop subsidies.

Big Sugar is one of the biggest donors to the governor's PAC, so it's no shock to see him sell out. He's been doing it since Day One.

Ironically, Negron, too, has benefited from the calculated generosity of the sugar industry, which over the years has showered him and his political action committees with hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Unlike the governor, though, Negron owes his seat to constituents in one geographic district. Unlike the governor, Negron can't hop on his jet and vanish when there's a manmade environmental catastrophe in his backyard.

He's got to come home and face the folks whose lives are upended by it.

And those folks don't want a repeat of last year's nightmare. They want all that lake water pumped south through the glades, not to the coasts.

Which leaves Negron uncustomarily at odds with Scott and Big Sugar. How hard he fights will show what he's made of, and where his true loyalty lies.

The green that runs through Tallahassee is a different shade than algae, but it's just as slimy to the touch.

Carl Hiaasen is a columnist for the Miami Herald. Readers may write to him at 1 Herald Plaza, Miami, FL 33132.

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Winter EVENTS

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY | WINTER GUEST CONCERT SERIES

All winter guests & locals are invited to shake off the winter chills and enjoy a FREE live concert every Sunday afternoon from 2-4pm. Jan 29: Deja Vu

FEBRUARY 4 | EMERALD COAST PARROT HEADS CHILI COOK-OFF*

The Emerald Coast Parrot Head Club hosts an exciting Chili Cook-off with over 20 different restaurants and chili masters competing. The harbor heats up at 11am.

FEBRUARY 24 | MARDI GRAS PUB CRAWL*

Wear your best Mardi Gras outfit to kick-off the weekend's events! At 6pm, enjoy drink specials at each stop and Let the Good Times Roll! Benefiting a local charity.

FEBRUARY 25 | 9TH ANNUAL MARDI GRAS PARADE

Grab your Krewe to experience beads, dazzling floats, colorful costumes, street performers and live music as the parade rolls along the Harbor at 2pm. Free to attend! To participate in the parade, email: RMagee@harborwalkvillage.com

FEBRUARY 28 | FAT TUESDAY CELEBRATION & MARDI PAWS COSTUME CONTEST

At 5pm, celebrate with FREE red beans and rice! Then at 6pm, parade your puppies in green, purple & gold as local judges award 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Email RMagee@harborwalkvillage.com to register your pet.

MARCH-APRIL | DESTIN COBIA TOURNAMENT

Enter the ultimate cobia competition or watch the weigh-ins on the docks. For registration info: 850-650-2400.

MARCH 11 | TEQUILA & TACO FEST*

Enjoy a flavorful afternoon full of tequila tastings, contests, live music and tacos of all kinds! Begins at 1pm.

MARCH 17 | IRISH GROGG MARCH*

At 7pm, Shamrock along the Harbor for lucky drink specials at each stop during this St. Patrick's Day pub crawl.

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